



Parents force inquiry over child abuse

Panel to check cases of 197 children in care

By Peter Davenport and Jill Sherman

An independent panel of doctors and child experts has been set up to examine complaints by dozens of parents in Cleveland that they are being wrongly accused of sexually abusing their children.

The parents, angry at having their children taken from them for what they say are incorrect reasons, have formed an action group, Parents Against Injustice.

The inquiry, which is expected to start immediately, was announced by South Tees Health Authority yesterday in the wake of almost 200 children being legally removed from their parents in the area in the past two months.

Place of safety orders concerning suspected child sexual abuse have been issued on 197 children aged between nine months and 12 years since May 1, compared to a total of 30 last year.

It is understood that most of the orders were obtained after the children made routine visits to Middlesbrough Gen-

eral Hospital and were examined by two consultant paediatricians, Dr Marietta Higgs, who began work earlier this year, and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, who has been at the hospital for more than five years.

South Tees emphasized that the five-member panel, which will include a child psychiatrist and paediatricians, would provide a second clinical opinion on whether the children had been abused but it would not investigate the conduct of any consultants.

"Any investigation into consultants' practices would be undertaken by the employing regional health authority," the district health authority said. Dr Higgs, who came from the child health department at Newcastle University, was working normally but had declined to comment for ethical and professional reasons, it said.

Cleveland social services department said yesterday that the number of cases was unprecedented and had increased after the arrival of Dr Higgs, a specialist in child sexual abuse.

The Society of Civil and Public Servants then decided to suspend all further action pending talks with the Treasury.

Whitehall union ends its action

One of the two striking Civil Service unions yesterday decided to call off all action in its dispute with the Government.

The two unions split last night when the largest union, the Civil and Public Services Association, agreed to ballot members on an all-out indefinite strike from July 20.

The Treasury immediately announced that it will impose its pay offer of 4.25 per cent, backdated to April 1st, in July.

The SCPS general secretary, Mr Leslie Christie, said his union had been forced to call off action after the CPSA went ahead with plans for a strike ballot.

The two unions were involved in a second phase of regional selective strikes. London and the South-east were to be hit on Thursday and Friday and the Midlands and East Angles next week.

CPSA members will be balloted between July 6 and 17 on the strike proposal. Its national executive split on ideological grounds: the 17 Trotskyite supporters voting in favour of a ballot for an all out strike and the two broad left and five moderates voting against.

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Radars success

Racal Electronics, the radar and electronics group, reported an 11.1 per cent profit increase to £100.26 million pre-tax, and forecast further growth this year. Page 21

Tripods results

Cambridge University Tripods examination results to be published tomorrow include medical sciences and history.

Portfolio

The £4,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was won yesterday by Mrs C.T. Costello, of Bromley, Kent. Details, page 3. Portfolio list, page 25.

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Boris Becker successfully opening the defence of his men's singles title against Karel Novacek at Wimbledon yesterday - report, page 44.

Wimbledon considers refunds

By John Goodbody Sports News Correspondent

Wimbledon is considering offering refunds to spectators in future when play is cancelled because of bad weather.

The All-England Club said yesterday that it would be giving the matter "serious consideration, and will be consulting with experts and advisers after the Championships".

Even on Monday when no play was possible, 25,915 people entered the ground.

The only people to benefit when rain falls are caterers, who are selling champagne at £12 for a half-bottle, and a punnet of eight strawberries at £1.50.

The All-England Club could consider insuring the Championships against rain.

Mr Jim Calder, the Pivius underwriter for Eagle Star Insurance, said: "We would certainly consider cover if we had an approach".

Yesterday rain delayed the start of play at Wimbledon for the second consecutive day.

Student fury meets US envoy in Seoul

From David Watts, Seoul

Seoul university students staged a protest march last night against the arrival of the United States envoy, Mr Gaston Sigur.

The Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs had been in South Korea only a few hours when 15,000 students converged on the campus of Yonsei University in one of the biggest purely student demonstrations in the current unrest.

The students are also planning a peace march on Friday and then to reorganize themselves for further protests.

In last night's protest, student leaders denounced US and Japanese activities in Korea. "The Japs and Yanks have separated our country. Let's throw them out and reunite."

The students marched to the campus gate where heavy concentrations of police were standing by and then marched round the campus chanting and displaying some of their booty from clashes with the police, including shields and helmets. Banners called for the US to get out of South Korea and "stop supporting the dictatorship".

Church in forefront

talks today which should help to relieve the pressure of two weeks of civil unrest. It was unclear last night, though, whether the President had been willing to honour all the opposition leader's key demands which include the release of prisoners held since June 10 and the lifting of Mr Kim Dae Jung's house arrest.

Today Mr Sigur is expected to see both the President and Mr Roh Tae Woo, the President's designated successor, as well as Cardinal Kim of the Seoul archdiocese.

US-Soviet talks next month

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, are to meet in Washington in the middle of next month in an effort to remove the obstacles holding up an arms control agreement, a senior US official said in Geneva yesterday.

General Edward Rowley, a former negotiator and one of President Reagan's arms control advisers, said the two men would be accompanied by their senior negotiators. Another, Shultz-Shevardnadze meeting is seen as an essential step on the path to a Reagan-Gorbachev summit here this year. Their last meeting in Moscow in April gave impetus to the latest round of talks, and their

Tougher Moscow line

Geneva negotiators have now completed the first version of a joint draft treaty on eliminating medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Mr Max Kampelman, the chief US negotiator, suggested on television in Washington that an agreement might go beyond intermediate weapons and include a treaty on on strategic arms reduction.

The genteel decline of a royal fashion house

By Ruth Gledhill

The elegant accountant brought in to try to save Britain's most famous fashion institution from bankruptcy looks at me doubtfully.

"You have to be at least 95 to be a customer here," announced Mr Andrew Brannon. "But you can't quote me on that."

£942m contract for BAe secures jobs for 20,000

By Ronald Faxn and Harvey Elliott

A record £942 million deal for the entire output of British Aerospace 146 "Quiet Trader" freighter aircraft was announced yesterday.

The agreement with the Australian-based TNT freight group will be spread over five years and will help secure the jobs of 20,000 BAe workers.

Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of BAe, said the jobs would be sustained if there was a "dramatic but very necessary" one-third reduction in the company's costs and a doubling of the order book.

The company has invested £300 million in research and development for the 146 programme. The four-engined jet has developed a reputation for quiet, economical operation with an impressive short take-off and landing capability.

The company sees a huge potential market as airlines face the need to replace "beriatric, noisy and thirsty" aircraft, higher fuel prices and more stringent environmental laws.

The deal gives the TNT group as many of the aircraft as it requires over the next five years when 72 "Quiet Traders" will be built. The remainder will go to the company's associate Ansett Worldwide. The first deliveries are expected in 1988.

BAe regards the agreement as a huge endorsement of the 146, which in passenger and freight versions is widely accepted as the world's quietest jet, whispering into airports at night when most other aircraft are grounded by noise curfews.

Quiet Trader may develop dual role

By Ronald Faxn

British Aerospace designers of the 146 "Quiet Trader" see a strong possibility of developing a quick-change derivative, a passenger plane by day and a freight plane at night able to operate silently into airports that would be closed to almost all other jet traffic.

Night and day operation is regarded by airline economists as the perfect way to utilize what is an immense capital investment, and the "Quiet Trader" has already proved that it is reliable enough to maintain such a concentrated level of operation.

Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of BAe, yesterday praised the aircraft's "quiet footprint" as it wings its 11-tonne payload anywhere within a radius between London and Greece. The aircraft will

underscore TNT's claim for reliability and BAe's hopes to increase turnover to £3 billion by the end of the decade.

The BAe146 will join the Jetstream in another key incursion into the jealously

guarded and highly competitive American airspace.

What it claims to offer is a cabin one foot wider than any competitor - a similar virtue to the Jetstream 31, its small sister, which is favoured by US commuters.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Speaker backed on Zircon ruling

The Commons Privileges Committee said yesterday that the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, had acted "wholly correctly" last January in agreeing to the Government's request that he stop certain Labour MPs from screening the banned BBC Zircon spy satellite film in a Commons room.

The committee also ruled out changes to House of Commons rules that would have enabled ministers to stop MPs from disclosing sensitive information on grounds of national security.

However Mr Tony Benn and Mr Ian Mikardo, two Labour members of the committee of 17, dissented from the majority report.

Gas blast kills man Palumbo setback

Fire experts were examining several gas cylinders after an explosion destroyed a house yesterday, killing a man and seriously injuring his wife.

The family's large detached home in Neath, West Glamorgan, was reduced to rubble.

Mr Keith Casimiro, aged 44, is believed to have worked for a bottled gas firm as a lorry mechanic. His wife Cynthia, aged 40, has extensive burns.

Mr Peter Palumbo's 27-year ambition to build offices next to the Mansion House in the City of London suffered another setback yesterday when his latest scheme was refused planning permission (Charles Knevitt writes).

He said later that he would appeal.

The City Planning Committee rejected the design, by Mr James Stirling, by 17 votes to 13 after a two-hour discussion.

Open aid meeting

Miss Kathleen Grasham, chairman of the Open Action Committee, will today meet a representative of the mystery benefactor who has offered to help hundreds of elderly people being forced to drop their claims for damages over the alleged side effects of the anti-arthritis drug Opren. "I have given my word I won't reveal the name of the donor", Miss Grasham said yesterday.

£52,000 offer Blunkett on move

Relatives of some of the 329 passengers killed in the Air India 747 airliner disaster off Ireland two years ago have been offered nearly £52,000 in compensation for each victim.

Details of the offer came to light as relatives and senior officials from India and Canada attended a ceremony in West Cork to mark the second anniversary of the tragedy.

The Labour Party National Executive Committee member became MP for Sheffield, Brightside at the general election. The new council leader will be Mr Clive Betts, finance chairman.

Britten discovery

The lost manuscript of Benjamin Britten's *Sinfonia da Requiem* has been discovered by Simon Rattle, the English conductor, in a university library in Japan.

The work was commissioned by the Japanese in 1940, and the original manuscript was believed to have been lost half a century ago. It shows a different finale to that in published copies in Britain.

British politics is a team game. No matter how brilliant an individual performer may be, he cannot succeed without the support of an effective party. Those who ignore that basic truth are doomed to ultimate frustration, even if they manage to scintillate for a while.

A comparison from the February 1974 election is to my mind instructive and suddenly has particular relevance for British politics today. In that election I went to see Mr John Biffen campaigning in his Oswestry constituency because I knew that he was a Tory dissident who disapproved deeply of the Heath government.

He did not conceal his criticism of the government, he did not compromise on the issues, but he was once again standing as a Conservative candidate. With an effort he remained a team player, and he subsequently went on to serve for eight fruitful if not always tranquil years in Mrs Thatcher's cabinet.

But I doubt if such a move would present Dr Owen with any insuperable policy obstacles, and it would at least give him a party of consequence.

It would be equally logical for him to accept some kind of fusion - to use the vague word - with the Liberals. Not even a united party would be strong enough to gain power in the near future. But it would look less perplexing to the electorate than the present arrangement and he would stand a better chance of being a serious player in the game.

It would be quite illogical, however, for him to take a romp of the SDP off on its own. That would be to take the Powell road. He would be little more than a parliamentary commentator on the contemporary scene, unless such a move were part of a progress towards virtual membership of the Conservative Party, like the Liberal Unionists or National Liberals in the past.

But I do not believe that Dr Owen is prepared for any of these options. He would prefer to continue and possibly develop the Alliance, while preserving the SDP's separate identity. The urge to get together is now so strong in both parties, though, that he is in danger of sacrificing his influence in the effort to safeguard it.

It would be ironic if a politician with such a reputation for decisiveness were to lose out through forgetting that one of the arts of politics is to choose between disagreeable alternatives.



Geoffrey Smith

Three choices for Dr Owen

Mr Enoch Powell had exactly the same opinion of the Heath government and he has always maintained that British politics is above all about party. But he could not bring himself to act in accordance with his own proposition.

He refused to stand again as a Conservative, and although he subsequently returned to the House of Commons as an Ulster Unionist he never again had the backing of a substantial party. Never again was one of the most compelling political speakers of his time to sit in a cabinet, or even in a shadow cabinet.

I have often wondered what would have happened had he followed Mr Biffen's example. He would surely have been a candidate for the Conservative leadership in 1975. Even if he had not been elected, he would presumably have become one of Mrs Thatcher's principal lieutenants. British politics might have been rather different.

So might the future pattern of British politics now be influenced by whether Dr Owen remains a team player. Even after an unsuccessful election he is still the most imposing figure in the opposition parties. But he has no more chance than Mr Powell of affecting the course of events without a substantial party.

Dr Owen has, I believe, three clear options, two of them logical and one plainly illogical. It would be logical for him to respond to Mr Douglas Hurd's invitation to team up with the Conservatives.

That suggestion is clearly

Meritorious order's reunion celebrates wisdom



The Queen with members of the Order of Merit yesterday at Buckingham Palace: (standing from left) Sir Andrew Huxley, the Rev Professor Owen Chadwick, Graham Greene, Dr Frederick Sanger, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Sir Frank Whittle, Sir Sidney Nolan, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, Sir Frederick Ashton, Sir Ronald Syme, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Lord Penney, Professor Dorothy Hodgkin, Duke of Edinburgh, Lord Zuckerman, Dame Veronica Wedgwood, Sir George Edwards, Sir Alan Hodgkin and Lord Todd.

The Queen met her intellectuals yesterday, as she does every 10 years.

The members of the Order of Merit turned up from far and wide for a service of thanksgiving in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, followed by a team photograph, and lunch at Buckingham Palace.

The order is limited to 24; and 19 turned out for their decennial reunion.

If you are keen on honours, the OM is the one to go for. The duties are light and the privileges small. Politicians are excluded, unless they

earn it for cerebral or artistic achievements outside politics.

We have it on the authority of a former prime minister that there is no dammed merit about the Garter. Other lesser but flashier honours make Whitehall seem a city of perpetual knights.

The order is the personal gift of the Queen, without recommendation from or consultation with her ministers.

After some alterations those eligible are now: "Such persons, being citizens of countries of which we are Queen, as may have rendered exceptionally meritorious service in Our Crown Services or towards the advancement of the Arts, Learning, Literature and Science."

The formation of the order was delayed for nearly 60 years, partly because of objections to the inclusion of soldiers among the savants. Unsurprisingly, the objections came from honour-obsessed senior naval and military authorities.

The order was founded in imitation of the Prussian order founded by Frederick I, and renamed *Pour Le Mérite* by Frederick the Great.

So yesterday, the eighty-fifth anniversary of the institution of the order, such exotic and rarely seen

literati as Graham Greene OM rubbed shoulders with Ronnie Syme OM, wearing around their necks their badges of a red and blue cross with a laurel wreath; Michael Tippett with Yehudi Menuhin.

The two women members, Professor Dorothy Hodgkin and Dame Veronica Wedgwood turned out in unintellectual hats.

The woman honorary member, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu (Mother Teresa) did not make it from Calcutta.

The Bishop of London, as Dean of the Chapels Royal, conducted the service. The Duke of Edinburgh OM read the lesson from the Wisdom of Solomon, chapter seven: "Wisdom is an inexhaustible treasure for mankind, and those who profit from it become God's friends..."

The Rev Professor Sir Owen Chadwick OM preached, taking as his text two poet members of the club, T S Eliot and Robert Bridges, who had each found the structure of the universe and God in his different way.

Britain is notoriously wary of intellectuals, the arts, learning, literature and science. But yesterday, at the highest level, in their own quiet way they were not forgotten.

Water authorities criticize proposals for privatization

Plans by the Government to change the face of the water industry in Britain prior to privatization were criticized yesterday by the largest water authority in the country.

Thames Water Authority described as "overkill" the plan to set up a national river authority to look after those functions that will remain in the public sector.

"We do not need either fragmentation or another confusing layer of regulation," Mr Roy Watts, Thames' chairman, told a press conference in London. "That will reduce considerably both our current value and our future earnings potential at home, and most importantly, overseas."

Under the Government's proposals, the new body would oversee water conservation and resource planning, pollution control, fisheries, land drainage, flood protection and navigation.

The privatized water authorities, which are responsible for all those functions, will be left with water supply, sewerage, sewage treatment and disposal.

The chairman of the 10 water authorities in England and Wales have been invited to discuss the proposals with Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, tomorrow.

Mr Watts dismissed the prospect of a national river authority as a quango costing an estimated £40 million a year. The Government proposal had been inserted in the Conservative manifesto before the general election without prior consultation.

"We are not opposed to the arguments of public interest and public good. It is in our judgment totally unnecessary to create a different body at a very considerable cost when it could be handled at a fraction of the cost."

The authority also fears that the move will seriously weaken its value, perhaps by as much as between £100 and £200 million when flotation finally comes with privatization.

Mr Watts emphasized that he was a strong supporter of privatization and added: "This is an enormous responsibility we and the Government are taking on in privatizing this industry and it has to be done properly. We shall not shy away from arguing our corner."

But Dr Jack Cunningham, Labour's spokesman on the environment, yesterday called for "an urgent, impartial inquiry" into the deteriorating standards of drinking water before any attempt was made to privatize water supplies.

He said that an investigation by the *World in Action* television programme revealed grave cause for concern, and he intended to raise the matter with Mr Ridley at the earliest opportunity. In particular the damaging in-

Pleas to Ulster parties on deadlock

Political leaders in Northern Ireland are being pressed to hold private discussions during the summer to try to break the Anglo-Irish agreement deadlock.

The talks, which would not involve the Government, would try to find common ground between unionists and nationalists.

If successful, the discussions would develop into dialogue with the Government aimed at ending the impasse since the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

The leaders of the two Unionist parties, Mr James Moynaneux and the Rev Ian Paisley, have been encouraged to talk by leaders of the three main Protestant churches.

The urgency has been increased since Mrs Margaret Thatcher's election victory, which dashed "loyalist" hopes of being power brokers in Parliament, and led to the prospect of five years opposition to the agreement with declining support in the province for their tactics.

The Right Rev William McCarrick, Church of Ireland Bishop of Connor, said that most people in the province realized there was little alternative to negotiation and that peace involved concessions and movement on the part of both traditions.

Unless the two Unionist leaders have a clear strategy, the discussions would be doomed from the start.

One party leader said: "It is well meaning, but we must deal with the British Government and it will not talk unless it is sure that all the parties can deliver their supporters and that any negotiations have a reasonable chance of success."

Any suggestion of power sharing or partnership with the SDLP is opposed by large sections of the loyalist community. Mr Moynaneux says power sharing would be unworkable and that it would presume that people who did not want Northern Ireland to be part of the United Kingdom would be in government as of right.

Mr Paisley said neither he nor the majority of unionists would settle for it.

Although the agreement is still rejected by most unionist opinion, opposition on the streets and in the council chambers virtually collapsed.

Mr Charles Haughey's minority administration in the Irish Republic faces a united vote by the four main opposition parties on health service estimates today which could bring a general election.

Chapelton unrest Police ready for any new trouble

An appeal for calm in the troubled Chapelton area of Leeds was made last night by Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, after he had met community leaders.

Last night police were planning to control the area routinely in an attempt to prevent the situation escalating but it was made clear that reinforcements would be on hand if needed.

Mr Sampson said although he had sympathy with the plight of young, unemployed blacks he would not be soft on crime or criminals.

He said: "I hope that good sense will prevail but I cannot tolerate violent disorder on the street and it is my duty to put a stop to it."

The second night of violence in the area saw petrol bomb attacks on shops, a vehicle set on fire and the stoning of police.

Senior police officers and community leaders yesterday agreed that the trouble was being caused by a small band of about 100 young blacks. Everyone emphasized that it was not on the scale of the disturbances of 1981 when riots caused damage totalling £1 million.

It had developed since an apparently innocent incident on Sunday when police were called to a routine domestic dispute. They arrested a black youth aged 17 after a gang allegedly began kicking their car.

After the arrest police were stoned and a taxi hijacked and set alight. The youth whose arrest appears to have started

the disturbances has been charged with causing damage to a police vehicle, released on police bail and is due to appear before court next month.

By coincidence Mr Sampson and Mr John Chilcot, the deputy Under Secretary at the Home Office, had been due to meet local leaders at the West Indian Centre in Chapelton yesterday.

Since the disturbances of six years ago the community, the local authority and central government have all made efforts to improve the area but it still has housing problems and environmental difficulties. Unemployment among black youngsters runs at about 50 per cent.

An uneasy calm reigned on the streets throughout most of Monday, according to West Yorkshire police.

About 10.30pm, groups of black youths, some 100 strong, began throwing stones at police vehicles on Chapelton Road, the main thoroughfare.

A few hours later a sex shop in Chapelton Road was fire-bombed and gutted; a store owned by an Asian shopkeeper was broken into and robbed and the owner's van set alight. There was then an attempt to set fire to a club. Police also said that they found a cache of unused petrol bombs.

During the early hours one black community leader faced a gang of 70 youths trying to break into a video shop in the area. His actions earned the praise of local shopkeepers.

Scargill warned on new pit

British Coal has warned Mr Arthur Scargill in advance of the National Union of Mineworkers' conference next month that if South Wales miners refuse to work six-day shifts at the new £90 million pit at Margam it will negotiate with those who will.

Mr John Northard, British Coal's operations director, told delegates to the second annual conference of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers in Weymouth that if all fears materialized and the NUM refused to work six days a week, he would talk to "several other organizations" who had shown an interest.

Mr Northard had said earlier that Margam stood or fell on six-day shift working. He told the UDM: "Without production over six days there are better ways of spending the £90million involved."

"I want to make it absolutely clear that we are not asking any of our employees to do anything which is not accepted in other industries."

At a news conference after his speech, Mr Northard said South Wales NUM members had said they would work at Margam, where more than 800 new jobs are to be created. He thought they would do so in spite of Mr Scargill's views or conference decisions.

Mr Northard said that the Transport and General Workers' Union and Wales TUC, as well as the UDM, had all shown interest in representing workers at the new pit. If it came to it, British Coal would talk to them.

Mr Northard said six-day working would also have to come in for new pits planned in the Midlands. Mr Roy Llynk, the UDM president, said later that his union would be in those new pits representing miners.

Earlier, the 100 delegates unanimously agreed to a political fund which will produce £140,000 a year from the union's 27,000 members.

The TUC yesterday rejected a new application by the Union of Democratic Mineworkers for affiliation (Craig Seton writes).

The union, which was born out of the miners' strike, has been shunned by the trade union movement.

A UDM official said: "One day they will have to accept that we are a property constituted trade union."

Councils face the consequences of creative accounting

A financial crisis is looming for some of England's biggest inner city councils as a result of "creative accountancy" debts amounting to hundreds of millions of pounds incurred in an attempt to circumvent spending controls.

The Labour Party was committed to helping the councils but its defeat in the general election means that left wing authorities are faced with a revenue gap and huge holes in future capital programmes.

Liverpool ratepayers could face a 35 per cent increase next year simply to finance creative accountancy debts; unions in Manchester fear that up to 16,000 council workers may be dismissed; Mr David Blunkett, leader of Sheffield council, admits that his authority's capital programme stands to be "devastated"; and Whitehall believes that several inner London boroughs may be forced to impose huge rate rises just to service debts.

The Department of the Environment admits to being concerned over the crisis, but Mr Michael Howard, Minister of State, is believed to be ready to reject pleas for help.

Creative accountancy is, basically, a buy now, pay later scheme.

Liverpool started using deferred purchase schemes, whereby it borrowed money to begin projects it would not start making payments on for two years, during its bankruptcy crisis in 1985.

Such methods were outlawed by the Government earlier this year after they had grown in popularity.

But then various leaseback arrangements came into vogue: Manchester raised £200 million by selling several council buildings, including the central library, to a company wholly owned by itself and, then, granting itself a two-year rental holiday.

Now, the bills are starting to come in at the same time as sources of income are drying up.

Additionally, as schemes such as deferred purchase begin to appear on the books, they will be counted against capital programme allocations.

"It would not be a problem if the Government did not have such tight controls on capital receipts", Mr Blunkett, now MP for Sheffield Brightside, said.

"As it stands at the moment, however, our capital programme in 1989 stands to be devastated. Councils had to adopt such schemes because government spending targets were unrealistic."

But whatever arguments the councils deploy for justifying creative accountancy, the fact remains that the money must be repaid. The extra £28 million borrowed by Lambeth this year could mean rates going up by a third in 1988-89 as repayments fall due.

Camden is examining its books to try to save £11 million, having already raised £45 million through leaseback and other schemes, and Brent is still pressing ahead with a leaseback scheme worth £200 million.

But money is becoming harder to raise. Earlier this year Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, made it clear that the Government would not guarantee local authority debts and the banks, including the Japanese who have been big lenders, are becoming decidedly nervous.

At the same time, the councils that have raised the most cash are almost all rate capped, which poses the dilemma of how to raise the extra cash through the rates.

The situation could change after 1990 when the community charge comes into being but that will be coupled with a uniform business rate.

Government over travel

Your front magazine

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Government accused over Aids danger to travellers abroad

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government was accused yesterday of not doing enough to protect British travellers from the risk of being infected by Aids abroad.

A doctor specializing in tropical diseases warned travellers to areas such as the sub-Saharan that they were 100 times more likely to catch Aids there than they were in this country.

Dr Paul Clarke, medical director of the Medical Advisory Services for Travellers Abroad (Masta), accused the Government of concentrating its publicity on the minimal risks of heterosexual transmission in Britain while overlooking the risks of receiving infected blood abroad.

Twenty-nine Britons had contracted Aids in sub-Saharan Africa, which include sterile syringes and needles, to companies such as ICL, British Telecom and Shell. The packs are also provided to Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence personnel.

The company, which is based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, plans to include a small HIV blood-testing kit being developed by the American company, Dupont, so that travellers can test any blood used in transfusions.

Some areas such as Nairobi have already introduced screening. British travellers

should be aware where they are most likely to be able to receive blood free from infection", he said.

The Government should also put money into countries with a high incidence of Aids to ensure that screening facilities were more widely available, he said.

Dr Clarke challenged Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, after his address on Aids and employment at the Confederation of British Industry. "There is a risk to travellers but nobody is addressing it", Dr Clarke said. Mr Fowler said that he would look into the issue.

Masta has in the past three months sold 5,000 travellers' packs, which include sterile syringes and needles, to companies such as ICL, British Telecom and Shell. The packs are also provided to Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence personnel.

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The scheme has been backed by the CBI which

yesterday launched a health information service for businessmen travelling abroad. The service, which is linked to the Masta scheme, gives company staff and advisers instant access to reliable health information worldwide.

Addressing the CBI conference, Mr Fowler said it was important for employers to emphasize both how Aids is spread and, more importantly, how it was not spread. "It is not dangerous to handle items such as cups used by an infected person and you cannot get Aids by sharing the same workbench", he said.

Employees should not be discriminated against if they had the virus and the Government would want to consider any examples of discrimination against individuals who were HIV positive.

Mr Fowler appealed to employers to deliver the same message that he had first given as Secretary of State for Social Services. "By 1991 over 180,000 people will have died of Aids in the United States, three times the death toll from the Vietnam war." Experts agreed that a vaccine or cure would not be developed for at least five years. "If the spread of Aids is to be contained it must be through changes in our behaviour."

Motor premiums may rise by 17%

By Amanda Pardoe

Motorists can expect higher insurance premiums this year, according to the Association of British Insurers.

Last year premiums rose on average by 17.5 per cent and the association says a similar increase is likely this year.

The association yesterday reported a 19 per cent growth in worldwide general business premiums over the past year and a reduction in underwriting losses from 14 per cent of premiums in 1985 to 7.5 per cent.

Taking into account investment income, a trading profit of 5.8 per cent was produced, making this the best result since 1981.

However Mr Brian Corby, the outgoing chairman, said that motor insurance was still giving cause for concern and, although a reduction in underwriting losses was achieved in 1986, the frequency of claims in the UK continued to increase.

Mr Corby said that "until claims frequency stabilizes

and improves, premium increases above the level of inflation are bound to continue".

The association is seeking to stop fraudulent motor insurance claims through the Motor Insurance Anti Fraud and Theft Register, a central computer register of all total-loss claims handled by motor insurers, and is supported by all association members as well as non-members and Lloyd's syndicates transacting motor insurance.

Ten cases have been referred to police since its introduction in February.

The spread of the Aids virus is also a cause for concern in the insurance industry. Most life offices introduced an Aids-related question on their proposal forms last year.

But the association emphasized that life offices were treating the virus in the same way as other conditions that affect life expectancy, such as a heart disease.

Handicapped children 'beaten by school staff'

Severely mentally handicapped children were subjected to cruelty and acts of violence by staff who were employed to care for them at a private residential school in mid Wales, it was alleged yesterday.

The children were unable to fend for themselves or complain about what was going on. They became the victims of a cruel regime at the hands of care assistants at the former Hall School at Tregynon, near Newtown. Powys. Mr Anthony Evans, QC, for the prosecution, said at Mold Crown Court.

Children aged seven and eight were given cold baths and showers as a punishment because they were incontinent, he said. A scrubbing brush was used on a screaming boy to teach him not to soil himself again.

Children were dragged by the hair, slapped across the face for being noisy, and one girl had her head "rammed" on a table. A boy was bitten by a female member of staff for biting another boy, it was alleged.

Older boys who were difficult to handle had been beaten

and staff allegedly turned a blind eye to sexual activity.

Mr Evans said that one hot day when residents and a number of care staff were in the garden, three boys aged about 18 dragged a screaming girl aged 10 behind bushes where she was molested.

When a trainee nurse asked what was going on she was told not to worry that it was "hush therapy". After a while the boys were called back and were laughing.

Six women and three men, all members of the care staff, deny a total of 29 cruelty and common assault charges.

Mr Justice Roch was told that an investigation was started after trainee nurses seconded to the home made statements to the health authority and the Welsh Office.

The jury was told that no charges had been brought against the owner of the school, Mr Fred Stephens, who had since sold the premises. He was apparently living in southern Spain and had no inclination to return, Mr Evans said.

The trial is expected to last five weeks.

Fresh plea on atom test court case

The Government attempted in the Court of Appeal yesterday to stop a former soldier suing it for damages over injury thought to have been caused by nuclear weapons tests in the 1950s.

Mr Melvyn Pearce, who was a Lance Corporal in the Royal Engineers during tests on Christmas Island in 1953, suffers from a rare skin complaint and blood cancer.

Mr Pearce, of Dark Lane, Backwell, Bristol, won permission to sue the Government in a test case victory in December.

Now the Ministry of Defence and Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, are seeking to overturn the High Court ruling. The hearing continues today.

Divorce at the nineteenth hole

By Peter Mulligan
Mr Kenneth Lane's passion for golf lost him the passions of his wife, Carol. "You have heard of the golf widow? I am it", she declared after being granted a decree nisi in the High Court Family Division yesterday.

Mrs Lane, who hates golf, said that if her husband was not on the course, he could be found at the "nineteenth hole", drink in hand.

And in a lament which will echo in the hearts of Britain's estimated two million golfing fraternity, she continued:

"Golf was his mistress. It was never another woman. I always knew where he was out on the course. A woman I could handle but not that sport."

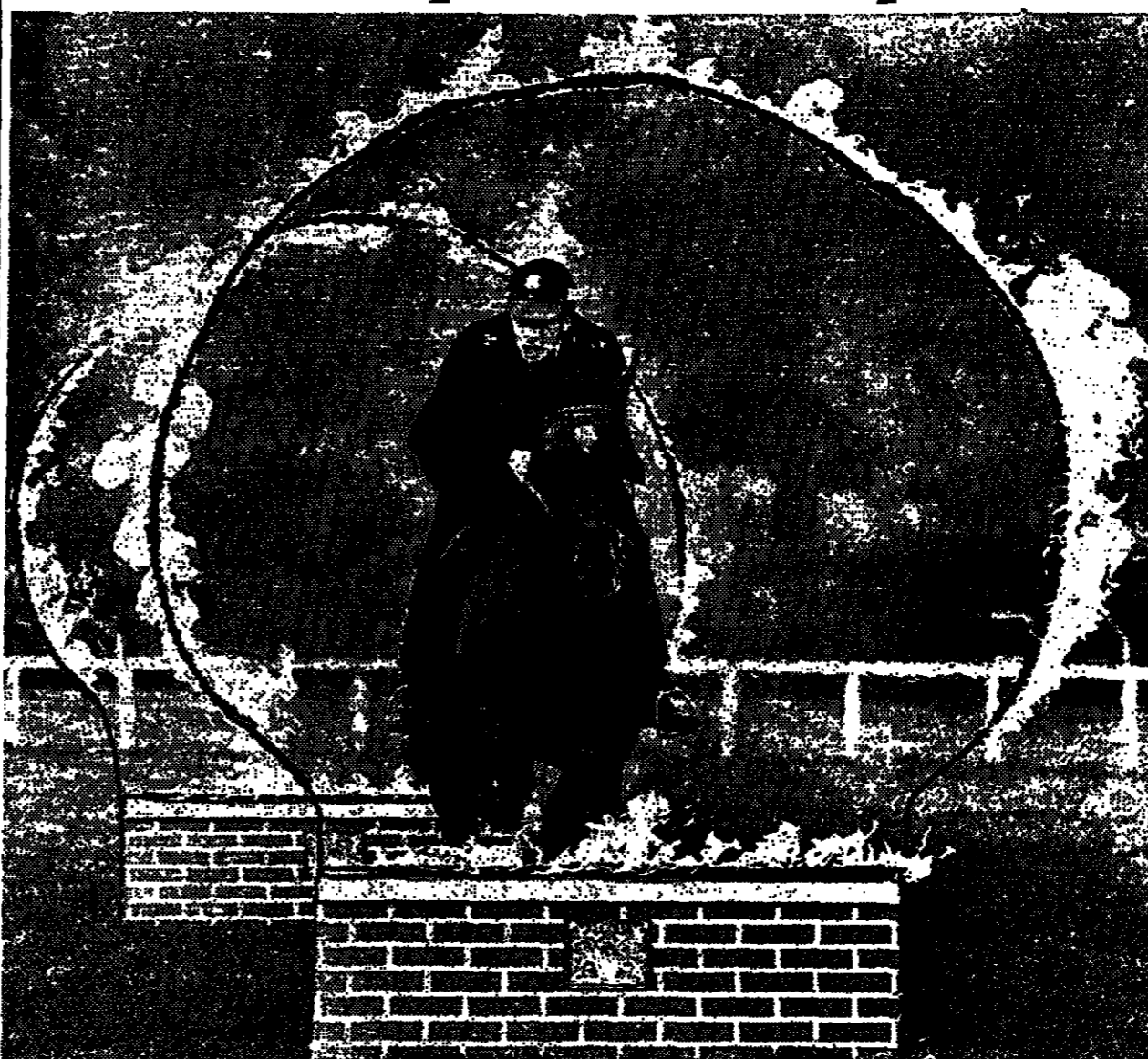
Judge Goodman gave her a decree nisi after accepting her complaints of her husband's "excessive drinking, moodiness and neglect".

The couple were married 14 years ago and still share the same £180,000 house at Northfield Road, Hatfield, west London, just a drive away from the Moor Park Golf Club.

The judge described her as a dedicated housewife and mother who coped well with bringing up her family of three children, now aged 13, 10 and five. "She obviously needed and deserved the support of an understanding husband. I do not think she got it", he said.

Mr Lane, aged 46, a county player and film technician, denied his wife's allegations

Horsemanship tested in hoops of fire



Police Constable Tim Mould from Rochester Row, south-west London, taking his mount, Laura, through the hoops of fire yesterday during a preview of the Metropolitan Police's fifty-ninth horse show and tournament, which is to be staged at the Mounted Police Training Establishment at Imber Court, Surrey, on Friday and Saturday (Photograph: Peter Trivnor).

Round-the-clock unit opens

By Ian Smith

Novice social workers or concerned parents will be able to receive immediate help day or night from specialists manning the country's first child sexual abuse unit which opened yesterday.

The unit has been heralded as a big advance in meeting the disturbing upsurge in cases of child abuse. The £350,000 cost will be met for the next three years by grants from 10 local authorities in Greater Manchester.

Social workers will attend the unit for training in how to use video and audio technology to overcome youngsters' initial fright and embarrassment. Child victims will be encouraged to demonstrate how assaults were committed against them by using anatomically precise dolls.

Trainee social workers' progress will be monitored through a one-way window by three senior social workers, who will intercede in the

Fighting child abuse

Round-the-clock unit opens

interview if it is thought necessary.

The NSPCC will manage the unit, based in Swinton, Greater Manchester. It will work closely with the 10 council social services departments, police paediatricians, teachers, psychologists and probation officers.

The eventual aim is to initiate a county wide response to the problem of child abuse, which increased nationally by 126 per cent in 1985. The unit also plans to produce a detailed regional profile on child abuse based on case histories.

The unit has already been called in on 30 cases. One involved a girl aged six who disclosed that she had been abused by her father for two years. Another involved two sisters, aged 15 and 13, who had been sexually assaulted by their father since they were small children.

The unit team leader is Mrs Anne Bannister, who uses the expertise she gained as a

former professional puppeteer to win children's trust and confidence and to persuade them to disclose details of the ordeals they have suffered.

"Although we will be available on a 24-hour basis to take over particularly difficult cases, or help social workers, our long-term plan is to enable the professionals to become expert child abuse team leaders themselves", Mrs Bannister said.

"That way, instead of having just a handful of child abuse experts there will eventually be fully trained professionals available in every district within the county."

Dr Alan Gilmour, director of the NSPCC, gave full backing to the project, which he described as a large step in caring agencies' work with sexually abused children. The progress of the pilot scheme is being watched by the DHSS. Already local authorities throughout the country have enrolled senior social workers on training courses at the unit.

Police assault trial

Knifed PC denies aggression

A young constable at the scene of an alleged police attack on five schoolboys denied at the Central Criminal Court yesterday being "quick on the draw" with his truncheon.

Police Constable Derek Jamieson was accused by Mr Hugh Lett, for the defence, of having become "volatile and aggressive" after being knifed in an earlier incident.

But the officer denied taking part in the alleged assaults in George's Road, Holloway, north London, on August 6, 1983. He was giving evidence for the prosecution against other members of the police patrol van "November 33" who are on trial.

PC Jamieson, who has left the Metropolitan Police, said his change of personality occurred after the death of his son last year. He agreed it had been difficult for him to resume street patrol duties.

Mr Lett said: "It had become your habit to get your retaliation in first and you had become an officer who drew his truncheon virtually on every occasion when he had to face a possible situation of confrontational violence".

PC Jamieson said he

remembered only ever drawing his truncheon on one occasion.

Mr Lett said: "When you returned to duty you gained a reputation for being very quick on the draw". PC Jamieson said: "I would not say that is right".

On trial are PC Edward Main and PC Nicholas Wise, both aged 27, PC Michael Gavin and PC Michael Parr, both aged 28, and Sergeant Colin Edwards, aged 34.

The constables deny assaulting five youths. With Sergeant Edwards, they deny conspiracy to pervert the course of justice by making false statements. Sergeant Edwards pleads not guilty to omitting to protect the victims or to bring their assaults to justice.

Further questioned by Mr Lett, for PC Main, PC Jamieson admitted having pleaded guilty to maliciously wounding his wife with a knife in September 1986. He denied that was why he had left the police.

PC Jamieson said that in February 1983 he was stabbed by two youths he approached in connection with a suspect

car and as a result of the incident had undergone a character change. He became aggressive and prone to loss of temper and saw a psychiatrist because of nightmares.

Referring to the charges, he said the police van had travelled to supervise the closure of a fair. As they drove from the fair there was "shouting and bantering" by youths who made gibes at the officers.

"There was banging in our carrier and shouting in retaliation", he said.

One of the officers in the van shouted for the van to turn round and follow some boys who had turned down George's Road, he said.

When they caught up with the boys PC Gavin, PC Main, PC Wise and PC Parr left the vehicle and "within a very short space of time I heard muffled screams and yells", PC Jamieson said.

His colleagues returned after 30 seconds. He had been unable to see what happened because of a parked van.

As the vehicle left, PC Jamieson said he heard an officer say: "I gave him a good smack", and "he got kicked". The trial continues today.

Grocers in car service trade war

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Fast car servicing garages are planned by J Sainsbury at several of its Homebase do-it-yourself and garden centres. The Woolworth-owned B&Q DIY chain has already expanded into car servicing and repairs.

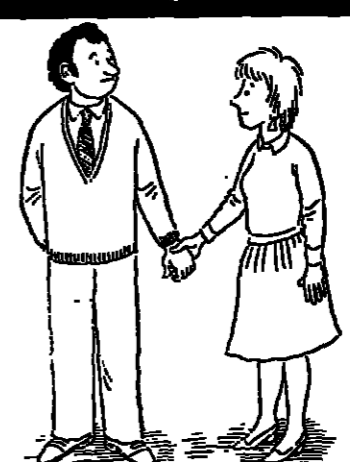
Homebase is negotiating to rent sites to Arlington Motors, Britain's third largest new car retailer, a subsidiary of the Unigate group, which has interests in car auctions and contract hire involving 27,000 vehicles.

It expects to open its first centre by the end of the year, but only one of the first three is at a Homebase site. The food supermarket group, Asda, has six service centres combining the traditional fast tyre, exhaust and MOT service with more extensive repairs. The network is soon to be expanded.

However, it recently closed 11 new car showrooms next to its stores, claiming the operation was not profitable.

The competition for the £5 billion-a-year car servicing market is now becoming intense, with traditional garages the obvious losers. The new centres guarantee prices as well as workmanship, eliminating the motorist's fear of bills far exceeding estimates.

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Nicholas Urmossy, aged 28, a car salesman, was sentenced to four months in prison at the Central Criminal Court in 1981 for killing a pillion passenger when he crashed a stolen motor-cycle.

Yesterday at the Central Criminal Court he admitted causing the death of a housewife, Mrs Maureen Judson, aged 52, by reckless driving. Judge Pigot, QC, said Urmossy, of Chatsfield, East Ewell, Surrey, had put many lives at risk by driving like a lunatic.

Urmossy had crashed into Mrs Judson's car in London Road, Sutton, south London, while being chased by police.

Portfolio Gold - Every day tale of a lucky win

Mrs Clair Costello, from Bromley, Kent, who has been playing the Portfolio Gold competition every day since it began three years ago, won yesterday's £4,000 prize outright.

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Mrs Costello, who will spend some of the prize money on redecorating her house, said that her daughter, Caroline, aged 16, who had her eyes firmly fixed on a new wardrobe, was particularly excited about the news.

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Parents attack probation for child killer

A judge who put a nanny on probation for killing a baby girl was criticized yesterday by the child's parents.

Douglas and Vanessa Howell said after the case at St Albans Crown Court that a child killer would be on the streets within three months.

Earlier Mr Justice Phillips was told how Deborah Philpott lost control, picked up Natalie Howell, aged 20 months, by the legs and swung her because, she said, a voice inside told her to do it. Natalie died three days later from severe swelling of the brain.

Philpott, of Portlock Drive, Luton, Bedfordshire, had excellent references but suffered from a form of epilepsy which could be triggered by her surroundings, Mr Igoe Judge, for the prosecution, said.

Neither Philpott, aged 19, nor anyone involved knew that at the time.

She admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility and was sentenced to three years' probation and ordered to attend a hospital for in-patient treatment.

Mr and Mrs Howell said the judge had shown no concern for their feelings.

Bail granted in murder case

Joseph Robb, a supermarket executive accused of murdering his wife's alleged lover, Mr Michael Horton, at the Churchill Hotel, London, was freed on £100,000 bail yesterday, his forty-first birthday, after a month in custody.

Two executives of his company, Northern Fine Foods, of Canada, each stood surety of £50,000 at Marlborough Magistrates' Court and Mr Robb was ordered to live at the home of the company's chairman, Mr Christopher Haskins, at Cottingham, Humberside.

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Unruly behaviour in schools blamed on poor teaching

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Bad behaviour in schools is largely the result of poor teaching, according to a report published yesterday.

Parents who "opt out of their obligations" are also blamed in the school inspectors' report, which says that pupils' behaviour is "often adversely affected" by draughty classrooms and shortages of textbooks.

However, the school inspectors conclude that "the overwhelming majority of schools are orderly communities in which there are good standards of behaviour and discipline". They say poor behaviour is unusual, and serious indiscipline rare.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, who commissioned the report, said yesterday that parents were

"rightly concerned about the standards in some schools".

He hoped the report would help governors to make full use of their new powers under the Education Act 1986 to influence the ethos of their schools.

The inspectors say that although society has high expectations of schools, it does not consistently exemplify high standards of behaviour.

Teachers can no longer count on automatic respect as figures of authority and expertise and, the inspectors add, they do not always get the support they need to do a job that is "undoubtedly more difficult than it was".

They say bad behaviour in schools is most often associated with poor relationships

between teachers and pupils, inadequate teaching methods and an inappropriate, boring curriculum.

On the other hand, "lively and stimulating teaching is almost always associated with good behaviour".

The report adds: "Where teachers co-operate and support one another, prepare their work carefully, and treat one another and the pupils with courtesy and consideration, they demonstrate a commitment to which pupils can and do respond with respect and often with liking".

On the issue of rewards and punishment, the inspectors say the best results are found in schools where teachers commend success and emphasize potential rather than focusing on failures and shortcomings.

They quote one headteacher's rule of thumb: that teachers should give about twice as much praise as censure, adding that standards of behaviour in this school were "very high indeed".



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Helga Tenschert for Mr Thomas Heneage to examine. At £260,000 the book, published in France about

1840, is the most expensive item at the Antiquarian Book Fair in Piccadilly, London, which opened yesterday. (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Restart schemes assist 1.5m people

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Government's Restart Programme, giving individual counselling to the long-term unemployed, has now covered 1,500,000 people, practically everyone who has been without work for more than a year.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, announced this at a seminar on special employment measures held in Hammersmith, west London, by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

He said that 90 per cent of those interviewed had been offered help on a Restart course, the Community Programme or a government training scheme.

He added that many long-term unemployed lacked job-getting skills.

One in four could have problems reading bus directions or danger signs, opening a bank account, reading and completing job application

forms, taking measurements or machine readings, or writing simple narrative reports.

"We were well aware that, in the rapidly changing technological world, the skills of the unemployed quickly become outdated, but it took Restart to demonstrate how serious and widespread the problem was", Sir Bryan said.

The seminar, attended by representatives of metropolitan authorities throughout England, was called against the background of a fourfold increase in MSC spending and suspicion among some authorities that special employment measures were concerned with masking unemployment figures, lowering expectations and undermining the public sector.

The association called for special employment measures giving high quality training leading to "real" work which was fairly paid.

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Rapist may have lured child with fairy tale

By David Sapsted

A fairy tale told by a rapist may have enticed a girl aged five from her lunchtime break in a school playground, a police officer investigating the "horrendous" attack in Portsmouth said yesterday.

Woman Police Constable Carole Ormesher, specially trained in child abuse cases, said it had become clear during the hours she had spent in the past week with the girl that she was particularly attracted to such stories as Cinderella and Snow White.

Det Supt Roger Hoddinott, in charge of the hunt for the rapist, said: "It seems a distinct possibility that whoever took this child used the ploy of telling her a story to get her away from the playground".

Police believe the girl may have been enticed to crawl through a hole in the fence around the playground at Charles Dickens First School on the Buckland estate.

It is believed that she was taken to a flat or house near by where she was raped during a two-hour ordeal.

WPC Ormesher said at a press conference yesterday: "I have spent a long time with her, staying until she goes to bed."

"When I ask questions about what has happened, she does not seem too disturbed and is quite confident. She will answer me quite readily."

WPC Ormesher, who is aged 29 and has spent more than four years specializing in child abuse cases, said she had not dealt with a case as horrific.

She said that she had played with anatomically accurate dolls with the girl in an attempt to discover specific details about the attack.

Mr Hoddinott added: "There is a strong possibility that the offender either lives very near the school or has access to property near it. It is a distinct possibility that he could strike again."

However, he said the best way for the public to combat such crimes was to come forward with evidence.

Nations split over killing of whales

By Andrew Morgan

Fierce exchanges are expected today at the conference of the International Whaling Commission before a critical vote on an attempt to restrict permits for killing whales for research.

An American resolution, co-sponsored by four other countries at the Bournemouth conference, reflects the concern that some whaling nations are flouting an international moratorium on killing whales for commercial purposes under the guise of scientific research.

Intense opposition will come from Iceland, Norway, South Korea, Japan and the Soviet Union.

They are predicting that some countries will leave the commission forever if the resolution is passed.

Conservationists claim that Iceland and South Korea are exploiting a loophole in the 1982 moratorium, with Norway and Japan likely to follow.

Japan, with the world's largest whaling industry, has announced it will kill 1,600 minke whales and 100 sperm whales during the next two years "for research purposes".

Mr Tony Celio, the American commissioner, will today promote the resolution.

He wants the commission's scientific committee to review all research programmes an-

nually to ensure they are relevant to the "comprehensive assessment" of whale stocks.

The World Wildlife Fund claims that all data for management purposes could be collected by monitoring stocks by aerial and ship sighting surveys or taking small skin samples for DNA fingerprinting.

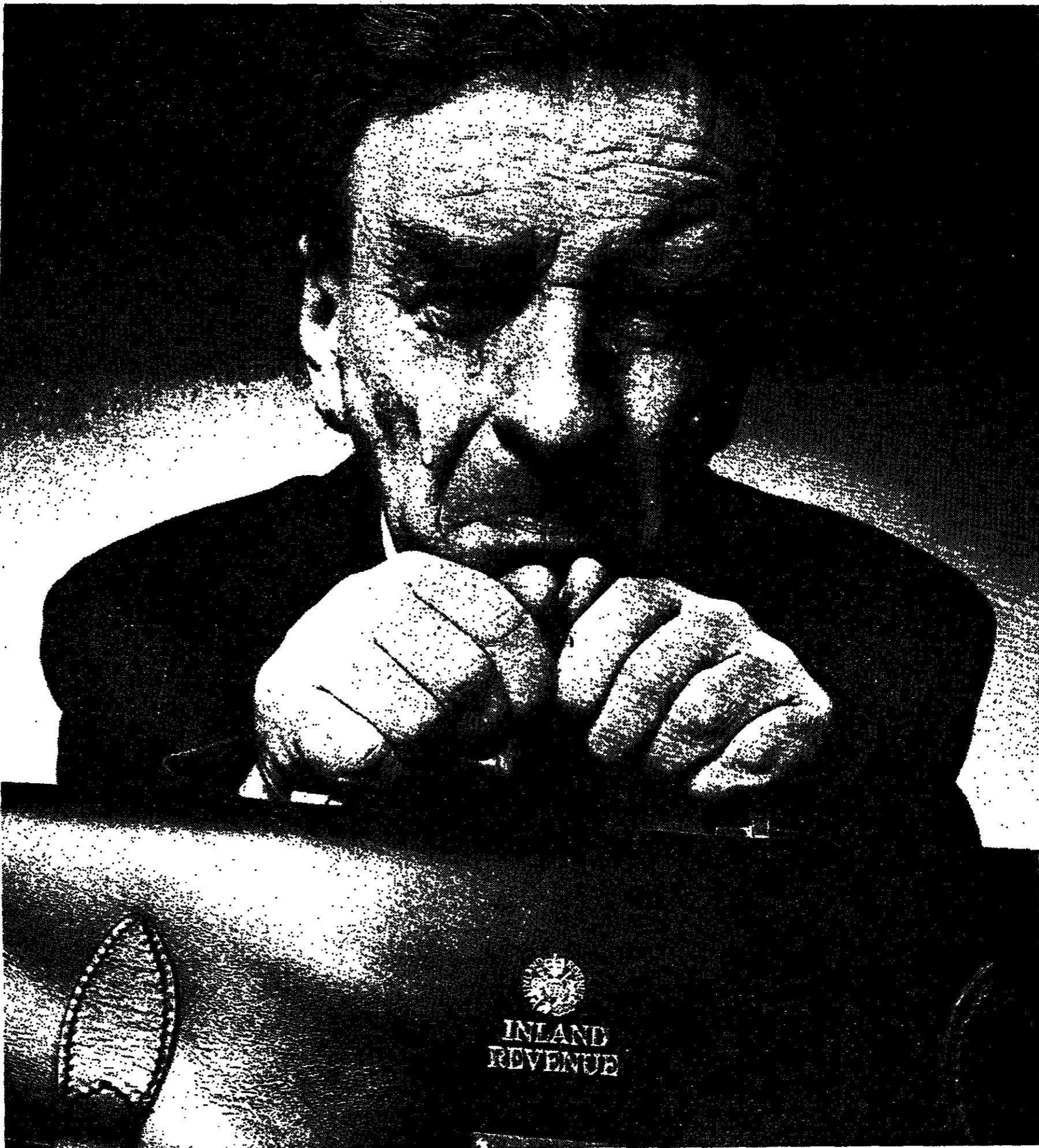
Today's opposition will be headed by Mr Halldor Asgrimsson, the Icelandic commissioner, who claims that the right of a sovereign government to issue a whaling research permit is enshrined in the 1946 convention for the regulation of whaling.

He is threatening to lead Iceland out of the commission if today's resolution is passed, with the country setting up its own regulatory body.

Mr Per Tresselt, the Norwegian commissioner, described the American motion as "misguided" and "mischievous", but he has not spoken of a breakthrough.

The United Kingdom seems certain to agree to tightening up permit regulations.

Mr John Gummer, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, told the 38-nation conference: "It would be a tragedy if, under the guise of scientific study subsistence hunting, commercial whaling were reintroduced."



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Concessions to North over testimony anger Congress

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the central figure in the Iran-Contra affair, appeared yesterday to have won important concessions from Congress in return for his agreement to testify publicly on Capitol Hill next month.

The concessions infuriated some members of Congress, who believe that a dangerous precedent has been set. Through his lawyer, Colonel North has left the distinct impression in recent days that unless his terms were accepted he would refuse to testify.

That would have embroiled the Iran-Contra investigation committees in lengthy proceedings against the Marine for contempt of Congress, which carries a maximum penalty of one year in jail. There were widespread demands yesterday for swift congressional action to stiffen the penalty.

Leaders of the investigation committees acknowledged that without Colonel North's testimony, key parts of the Iran-Contra story would never be known. He clearly knows the answers to the two central questions: how much did President Reagan know, and when did he know it?

After hours of negotiations over the past several days between his lawyer and attorney



Colonel North leaving his Washington lawyer's office.

whether the terms have been fully or formally accepted by Colonel North. Some members of Congress were also opposing the proposed deal.

Under the arrangement the colonel would be assured that he could testify publicly ahead of his one-time boss, Rear-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, probably beginning on July 7. That would ensure that committee members could not question him about Admiral Poindexter's testimony, although they would still have access to his private, sworn depositions.

But congressional leaders are believed to have rejected a request from Colonel North that he would not be called back for additional questioning at a later date.

The congressional hearings resumed yesterday after a two-week break and are expected to last until early August. Senator Daniel Inouye, a Hawaii Democrat, said the joint House-Senate investigation committees would meet privately later in the day to discuss the terms for Colonel North's appearance.

Questioning yesterday focused on a \$14,000 (£8750) security system installed at the colonel's home in the Washington suburbs. Mr Glenn Robinson, a former CIA employee, said he paid the cost, plus expenses, of

the installation by retired Major-General Richard Secord. Colonel North had not been asked for money.

● SAN JOSE: Contra rebels hiding along Nicaragua's Atlantic coast have begun receiving new US military supplies following a US-organized unity meeting of anti-Sandinista forces earlier this month (Martha Honey writes).

According to Contra sources, US Government of-

Managua - Nicaragua's Independent Liberal Party, the country's second largest legal opposition group, has sent a letter of protest to President Ortega demanding the immediate release of three party officials detained last weekend (David Gollob writes).

Dr Virgilio Godoy, the party's leader, said 345 party activists were now being held without trial under Nicaragua's state of emergency.

Officials have agreed to send \$5 million in aid between now and September to be funneled through Honduras to the Miskito Indian rebels. They say the supplies are arriving at the Honduran port of Limpiara. This revelation comes at a time when the Honduran Government has been saying publicly that it opposes more US aid to the Contras.

Fiji's cane farmers get back to work



General Sir Pensa Ganilan, Governor-General of Fiji, biting into a stick of sugar cane near Labasa yesterday. His visit marked the start of the crucial cane harvest after Indian farmers ended their protest strike against last month's military coup. He is watched by Mr Saraj Prasad, an Indian lorry owner, who had sought Ratu Ganilan's help when his lorries were threatened during the strike. In an appeal to farmers, the Governor-

General said that the cane crop must be harvested to save the country from financial disaster: sugar is Fiji's leading export. Harvesting at Labasa, in Fiji's second island of Vunavu Levu, was progressing well yesterday, a government official said, and the Fiji Sugar Corporation added that the Labasa and Penang mills in the main island of Viti Levu would begin crushing cane today. In Viti Levu, after a meeting of the predominantly

Indian Cane growers Council, a council official said that cane was withering in fields because of a drought and that the farmers were the only people suffering financially from the delayed harvest. Forecasts put raw sugar sugar production this year at about 360,000 tonnes, down on estimates of 400,000 made a month ago, and well below the record 502,000 tonnes produced last year. The harvest runs to about December.

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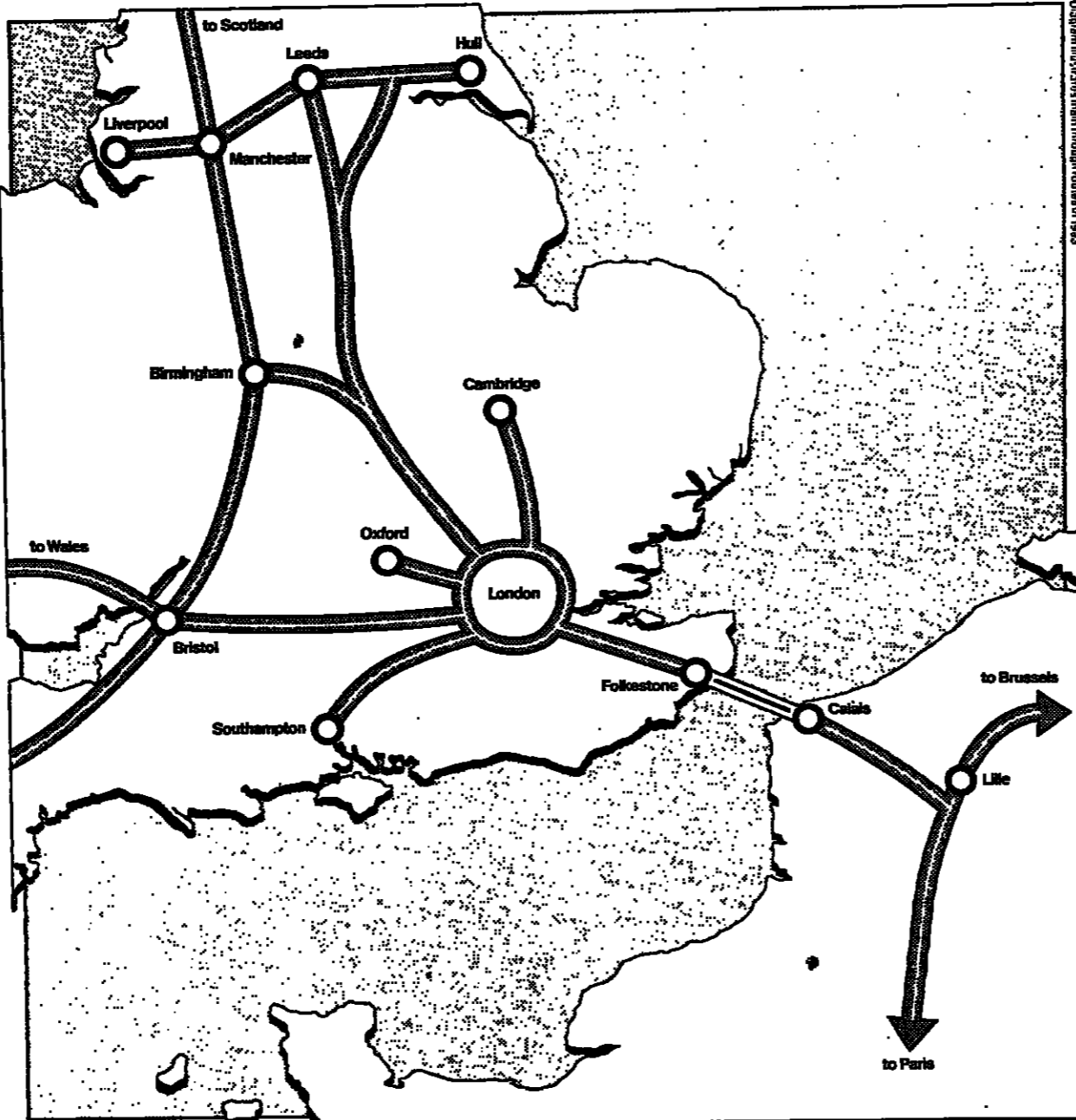
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Crisis in Peru as Premier resigns

From Michael Smith, Lima

Señor Luis Alva Castro, the Peruvian Prime Minister and Finance Minister, has resigned, setting off a Cabinet crisis in the troubled Government of President Alan Garcia. This step was taken against the wishes of the President and a large part of the leadership of the ruling American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (APRA).

As required by law, all other Ministers have resigned as well, although most are expected to be confirmed in their posts. No candidate to replace Señor Alva in the crucial finance portfolio has yet been mentioned. He has steered Peru's unorthodox economic policy since mid-1985.

The political rivalry between Señor Alva and the President has been thinly disguised over the past six months. Señor Alva has wanted to step down to occupy his congressional seat

and pursue his presidential ambitions for 1990, without the political problems of managing the economy.

Señor Garcia wanted his Prime Minister to remain to carry some of the burden of reformulating an economic policy which has begun to show signs of wear after nearly two years of moderate success in holding down inflation.

Monthly inflation this year has not dropped below 4 per cent, and the street price of the US dollar has shot up nearly 25 per cent above the government-controlled price available in banks.

For the past three months, Señor Alva's lack of ministerial action and stalling on important decisions, a kind of passive resistance to the obligation of remaining in the Cabinet, have narrowed the Government's options for continuing with a growth-orientated policy.

'Proof' of Bhopal sabotage

Delhi (NYT) - Union Carbide investigators, nearing the end of a 16-month inquiry, say they have found new witnesses, documents and scientific evidence which prove that the 1984 Bhopal toxic gas disaster was caused by sabotage by a company employee.

Company investigators also say they have found altered logs and documents which, they allege, indicate that several employees at the Bhopal pesticide plant knew about the start of the accident earlier than they have acknowledged and then tried to cover up this knowledge.

Company representatives say Union Carbide has scientific proof that the gas leak could not have happened the

Bhopal - Thousands of people fled from their homes in this central Indian city late on Monday after ammonia gas escaped from an ice cream factory (AFP reports). Some people were trampled underfoot in the stampede.

way the Indian Government says it did, which is that water from the washing of a pipe 350 ft away got into a tank containing the lethal chemical methyl isocyanate and caused a toxic chemical reaction.

The disaster occurred on the night of December 2-3, 1984, when clouds of toxic gas spread through the central Indian city of Bhopal, killing at least 2,000 people and injuring 200,000.

Indian officials and former Indian employees of Carbide's Bhopal plant vehemently dispute the company's assertions of sabotage. The Indian Government denies any suggestion that it is helping to cover up details of the investigation, and maintains that even if the disaster was caused deliberately, Union Carbide would still be liable for damages.

India is suing Union Carbide of Danbury, Connecticut, charging that the plant, run by an Indian subsidiary, was badly designed and its managers negligent. The company says the subsidiary is solely liable for damages, that its plant was well designed and managed, but that no plant can be protected against employee sabotage.

The lawsuit over the disaster has been bogged down in Indian courts since it was first filed, in September 1986.

Marine in spy case 'told lies'

Washington - A former marine guard at the US Embassy in Moscow who told investigators he had been seduced by a Russian woman into committing acts of espionage has been charged with false testimony after retracting his confession (Michael Binyon writes).

Corporal Robert Williams, whose statements under intensive interrogation were the basis for charges against a fellow marine, Sergeant Clayton Lonetree, has now been charged with 11 counts of lying.

Nazi victims

Tel Aviv (Reuters) - About 80 Jewish twins who survived the genetic experiments of Nazi death camp doctor Joseph Mengele are to receive compensation from West Germany.

Claim lost

Grasse (AP) - A French court here dismissed a Haitian government lawsuit seeking more than £73 million from former President Jean-Claude Duvalier, now in exile in southern France.

Drugs haul

Boulogne (AFP) - French customs said they had made a big haul of cannabis from a British sailing ship intercepted off the coast, the second such seizure in four days.

Secret talks

Jerusalem (Reuters) - The Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, secretly met President Moi of Kenya during a brief stop in Nairobi last week, despite a lack of full diplomatic links between the two countries, Israel Armed Forces Radio said.

Watchdog out

Stockholm - Sweden's Chief Justice Ombudsman, Mr Per Erik Nilsson, has resigned over allegations of expense account fiddling.

Poles stay

Geneva (Reuters) - The International Labour Organization has rejected a Western move to expel a Polish workers' delegation because it did not include a representative of the banned Solidarity trade union.

Australian poll campaign

Hawke appeals to national pride

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The Hawke Government launched its re-election campaign yesterday with a big concession to the Labor left-wing, and a display of razzmatazz unprecedented in Australian political history.

From the stage of the Sydney Opera House, and to the strains of Chopin's Revolutionary Etude, Mr Bob Hawke pledged to eliminate child poverty in Australia by 1990—the end of what would be a record third successive term for a Labor prime minister.

The package announced by Mr Hawke yesterday is intended to relieve the growing ranks of Australia's poor during the present phase of fiscal austerity, and in essence it is his response to the tax cuts of \$Aus56 (about £11) a week for average wage earners proffered by Mr John Howard's Liberals.

The Prime Minister's speech was an unashamed appeal to national pride, in which Australia and its people

of \$Aus540 million in his tax package.

For all Mr Howard's courage and determination, he is running a lacklustre campaign. The error only compounded a series of misfortunes for the Liberals in recent weeks, which have not been helped by complaints from some of Mr Howard's colleagues of anti-Liberal bias in the media.

Mr Hawke has admittedly had a dream run so far. But, apart from one or two instances, this is less to do with favouritism by the media than careful handling by Mr Hawke's minders, who have protected him from the sustained media pressure which has caused him to make self-destructive outbursts in the past.

The cornerstone of Labor's anti-poverty drive, which was forced into the campaign programme by the left-wing, is a weekly payment of \$Aus22 for each child to families with an income of less than \$Aus300 a week.

Mr Hawke dwelt in his speech yesterday on the economic responsibility of his Government, and cited its success in curbing debt cheating and tax avoidance.

Nevertheless, the vote-catching flavour of the policies of the two main parties—at a time when Australia has accumulated a foreign debt equalled to one third of its income—is starting to draw fire in the media. An editorial in the Sydney Morning Herald declared yesterday: "The campaign has become a dangerous fantasy. Neither the Opposition nor the Government is addressing the reality (of the economic crisis) that confronts the Australian people."

With less than three weeks to voting Mr Hawke and Labor are well ahead in opinion polls, although the Liberals do not officially launch their campaign until tomorrow. The latest poll by the Bulletin magazine gives Labor 49 per cent of the vote over 43 per cent for the Liberal and National parties.

Mr Hawke's pledge that in three years "no Australian child will be living in poverty," was welcomed by welfare groups, albeit with some scepticism. On current estimates, more than 800,000 children—one in five of the population under the age of 16—are among those below the poverty line.



Mr Hawke, second from right, watches as a protester who swam in front of his launch on the way to the Sydney Opera House yesterday is hooked out of the water by a crewman.



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were mentioned precisely 100 times.

It opened with the declaration: "Never in peace time has Australia's future depended so much on a single decision—your decision on July 11." It closed with an exhortation: "Let us begin a new century of Australian achievement—to make the best country in the world an even better, fairer Australia."

Mr Hawke's rhetoric was orchestrated with music, in a display devised by Mr Peter Fairman, the director of the hugely popular Australian film Crocodile Dundee.

The large opera house audience included politicians, like Mr Gough Whitlam, the former Prime Minister, and public figures supporting Labor, like Mr Joe Bugner, the former British heavyweight boxing champion.

They were warmed up by Mr Roger Woodward, the pianist, back in his native Australia from Britain, who played three popular Chopin pieces.

Attention now turns to the Liberal campaign launch tomorrow, with Mr Howard struggling to put behind him the damaging calculation error

Armed police sent to quell Gurkhas

Delhi (Reuters) — Para-military police reinforcements were sent to Darjeeling yesterday to crack down on arson and bombings by Gurkhas campaigning for a Gurkha state in north-east India.

Simultaneously, Mr Narbhadur Bhandari, the Chief Minister of neighbouring Sikkim, said the campaign by the Gurkha National Liberation Front in the Darjeeling region threatened to cut transport of essential supplies to his isolated northern state.

Mr Bhandari said he had asked the GNLF to exempt a road which links Sikkim to the

rest of India via Darjeeling from bombings that have cut Darjeeling roads since the unrest began four days ago.

Mr Bhandari said he had also asked West Bengal's Chief Minister, Mr Jyoti Basu, to take steps to keep the road to Sikkim open. Mr Basu said yesterday that about 400 para-military police had been sent to reinforce 1,500 men sent to Darjeeling last week. More reinforcements were on their way.

Mr Bhandari also blamed the Indian and West Bengal Governments for the Gurkha violence, saying he warned the former Prime Minister, Mrs

Indira Gandhi, in 1983 that trouble would erupt unless the economic problems of the Darjeeling hill region and its 900,000 Gurkha inhabitants were resolved.

A supporter of Mr Basu's left-wing state Government has been killed and 30 buildings set on fire or bombed since the 13-day strike began.

Gurkha militants last night burned an ambulance, a tourist lodge and a camp used by the State Irrigation Department.

More than 60 people have been killed since the Gurkha campaign was launched early last year.

Spain urges France to arrest top Eta suspect

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain has urged the French authorities to make an extra effort to track down and hand over "Atarpalo", the Eta leader thought to be behind last week's bombing at a Barcelona supermarket.

Señor Luis Roldan, director-general of the Civil Guard, describes "Atarpalo", pseudonym for Francisco Mugica Garmentia, as an "archetypal pure terrorist". He maintains that after a progressive intellectual impoverishment in the Basque armed separatist organization only "the most primitive elements now remain committed to a strategy of indiscriminate attacks".

Another young woman shopper died yesterday in a Barcelona hospital, bringing the number of dead from the attack to 18.

Señor Roldan told foreign reporters on Monday that interrogations of captured members of Eta's Madrid commando unit seized in February had revealed plans for a similar attack on a Madrid supermarket which opened last year.

Señor Roldan admitted Madrid had previously asked France without success to arrest "Atarpalo" as part of increased collaboration against terrorism.

"In any police effort against crime society must hope the

criminal will be found," Señor Roldan observed, choosing his words carefully. To localize the present Eta leadership would help Spain end its terrorist problem.

"Atarpalo" is thought by Spanish police to have ordered last September's killing of "Yoyes", the former Eta woman leader. The killing caused widespread indignation among Basques. Eta's switching to the car bomb, instead of shooting military targets, put passers-by at risk, said Señor Roldan. Car bombs meant less risk for the terrorists and made it more difficult to obtain convictions in the courts.

Señor Roldan appointed the first civilian head of the paramilitary Civil Guard by the Government last November, emphasized the problem of obtaining full cooperation against terrorism from Spaniards. "There is a distrust against the police, that is an unfortunate hangover from the past regime," he said.

The probability of public protests made it difficult for Spain to copy the rigorous security measures adopted by its neighbours, he maintained.

Asked if the tragedy could have been avoided had the premises been cleared on receiving the first warning

call, Señor Roldan referred to the panic evacuation would have caused. Pointing to the dozen or so false alarms received daily in Barcelona, he said such precautionary measures as clearing would bring city life to a standstill.

The police had certain guidelines about likely targets, such as French property. But a Friday afternoon attack on a supermarket was not among them.

Reinforcements of anti-terrorist police units and Civil Guard intelligence are now being sent to Catalonia, he said. From next autumn, Señor Roldan announced, the almost 150-year-old Civil Guard will start recruiting women members.

The 43-year-old Socialist police chief also said he plans to reform the force's famous tricorn hat, keeping it only for ceremonial occasions and special duties.

From this summer the sight of Civil Guards parolling Spanish beaches is also due to become somewhat less intimidating if the army officers who run the force obey Señor Roldan's orders. Instead of going among half-naked bathers fully armed like soldiers, the patrols will carry their only revolvers.

Marcinkus: pressure on Pope

From Roger Boyes, Rome

The Pope came under the strongest pressure yet yesterday to extradite the controversial Vatican banker, Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, after Milan magistrates leaked full details of the bank's role in the so-called Calvi affair.

The 26-page arrest warrant against Archbishop Marcinkus and two other senior executives of the Vatican bank, the IOR, was issued in February but the details have been kept secret until now. The three bankers are sheltering behind the Vatican walls, effectively immune from arrest by the Italian authorities unless the Pope agrees to yield them.

Vatican spokesmen emphasize that the charges—of aiding and abetting the fraudulent bankruptcy of Italy's largest private bank, the Banco Ambrosiano—are too flimsy, that the Vatican

has disposed of any moral obligations to the creditors of the late Signor Roberto Calvi's Ambrosiano bank and that the Church has been as candid as possible. The Pope himself describes the charges as "brutal".

But the principal Milan magistrate, Signor Antonio Pizzi, apparently frustrated by the deadlock over extradition, has made clear that the Pope cannot shrug off the scandal which five years ago rocked the Italian Government. The affair exposed links between the right-wing establishment and the sinister P2 Freemasons lodge and led to the mysterious death of Signor Calvi—suicide or murder is still a matter of dispute whose body was found dangling under Blackfriars Bridge in London.

Reconstructing the financial affair, Signor Pizzi's arrest warrant declares that the Vatican bank helped Signor Calvi "in the diversion, concealment, dissipation and destruction of the bank's patrimony". Banco Ambrosiano loans were being funnelled into Panama companies including the United Trading Company (UTC) during the mid-1970s. The warrant says that the Vatican bank served as an intermediary in this, picked up a commission and eventually took possession of all of UTC's capital.

According to the allegations, the Vatican bank deliberately back-dated documents to disguise the fact that it had jumped in to help UTC at a late stage and thus cover for Signor Calvi's criminal wrongdoing. The essence of the arrest warrant is that the Vatican knew of Signor Calvi's extremely shaky finances but allowed its prestige to be used to reassure nervous creditors.

US to launch assault on Soviet ears

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

A simple signing ceremony in the White House in Washington last week ended more than two years of complicated and often unpleasant argument, and marked the beginning of a new offensive on the ears of the Soviet Union.

Two years ago, the idea seemed simple enough. Russia was successfully jamming the Voice of America beamed in from Europe, so the experts said a new and bigger group of transmitters could, if sited in the right place, blast the message through.

The transmitters could then attack what is known in the trade as "the soft underbelly of Russia"—the southern areas where the Muslim population is expected before long to become the largest and, potentially, most disaffected group in the whole country.

The obvious site was Israel, America's most beholden friend. By building the world's biggest and most powerful transmitting station here, America's voice could be heard loud and clear over a 5,000-mile front where jamming would be difficult if not impossible.

In March, 1985, Mr Shimon Peres, then the Prime Minister, happily agreed in principle to the project. A 2,000-acre site was chosen in the bleak Arava Valley, a desert area just to the south of biblical Sodom, which most people rush past—without turning back. There, it was initially thought, nobody would mind 22,450 ft high masts powered by 60 transmitters producing eight megawatts of output. It could have been operational within four years.

But only now can the first spadework be turned. In the intervening period, one of the most exhaustive studies of bird migration ever undertaken has had to be produced while the few residents of the sparsely populated Arava Valley have had to be bought off with a \$16 million (about £10 million)

development grant. It is still far from certain, even with the signing of the final agreement in Washington, that the project will go ahead without local opposition.

Objections in Israel have been environmental, political and commercial. Although an umbrella agreement approving the project was signed by Mr George Bush, the US Vice-President, last July, it could still be months before work begins at the site.

The environmental objections were raised by three conservation groups as soon as the chosen site was known. The Arava Valley is on the main migration route for millions of birds which nest in



Europe and Asia and winter in sunny Africa. Twice a year, great flights of storks, pelicans and eagles wing through. Whole choirs of songbirds fly through as well, and ornithologists from around the world come to watch them pass.

The environmentalists were appalled by the potential for carnage, foreseeing tired birds crashing into the 22 aerials or the matrix of stay-wires needed to hold them up. They also raised the question of what effect the world's most powerful source of radio-frequency radiation would have on the birds' delicate navigational systems. They asked

how close a bird could fly to an aerial radiating up to 500,000 watts before it would be electrocuted.

Nobody knew the answers, and the Israeli Government's Nature Reserves Authority was ordered to undertake a study. Last autumn, the birds were closely watched on their way south. To the relief of Voice of America, they shunned the selected site in the centre of the valley and flew along the mountains on each side, at heights between 1,000 and 2,000ft. This spring they were watched flying north to make sure the pattern was repeated.

There is, however, no data available on the effects of

Warsaw — Poland warned Israel yesterday that it would regard as a hostile act the construction of a Voice of America radio transmitter to broadcast to the countries of the socialist bloc (Reuters reports).

The Government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, said the Voice of America was "an instrument of propaganda aggression against Poland and other socialist countries".

He added: "We would regard this as a hostile act by the Israeli authorities against Poland and we warn them against such actions against Polish national interests."

electro-magnetic radiation or on the potential for electrocution. The environmentalists remain to be convinced that the birds will be safe.

Politicians have also been raising objections, one being that the station will transmit not only Voice of America programmes but the much more political propaganda of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. In the past, Israel has been not a little upset by some of what it sees as anti-Semitic output from Radio Free Europe. The umbrella agreement signed in Washington allows Israel the right to object to broadcasts it considers to be

against its interests.

Israel is also being allowed to use the transmitter for its own broadcasts, a fact which is known to be causing concern in the Kremlin, which is already annoyed by the whole project. Through the informal diplomatic channels that run between Moscow and Jerusalem, it has been suggested that if the station is built it will make it even more difficult for Soviet Jews to obtain exit visas and for normal relations to be restored between the two countries.

Some of the toughest negotiating has been on the commercial level. The project has been budgeted to cost \$287 million (£176 million) and dollar-hungry Israel wants the lion's share of it. Voice of America runs 12 stations worldwide, itself having undertaken construction of 10. The other two, in Britain and West Germany, are run from locally leased installations and Israel wants the same conditions.

It does not, however, have the necessary expertise. In the end Voice of America has agreed to give the contract to Israel provided it then buys the transmitters and aerials from one of the American companies which can meet the required standards. Once the station is operational it will be manned by 120 Israelis.

This was not enough for the local Arava Commune, which complained that the Government had virtually given the site to the Americans and had, at the same time, agreed not to levy the equivalent of local rates. This is a dispensation given to every other Voice of America site, but the protests from the Arava settlers were so loud that in the end the Americans gave way and offered them the \$16 million grant.

The signing of the agreement should help to end a difficult period in relations with the US. It is unlikely, however, that the deal will do anything to speed Israel's reconciliation with the Soviet Union.

Red Cross close to returning to Afghanistan

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Correspondent The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is close to a decision to resume its role in Afghanistan, five years after it withdrew.

Mr Cornelio Sommaruga, President of the ICRC, said in London yesterday that Kabul had agreed to allow inspections of prisons on terms set by his organization.

He was in London trying to persuade the Government to ratify two additional protocols to the Geneva Convention of 1949, which extend the legal basis for the protection of war victims, and to contribute more to his organization's budget.

"We withdrew from Afghanistan in 1982 because it was not possible to continue to be there without carrying out our

work according to our principles," he said.

The ICRC has had an advance party working in Afghanistan since March, but will not resume its former role until Kabul proves that it will honour the ICRC's principles. The four key principles are that it be allowed to visit the whole of any prison; to make a register of all prisoners; to talk

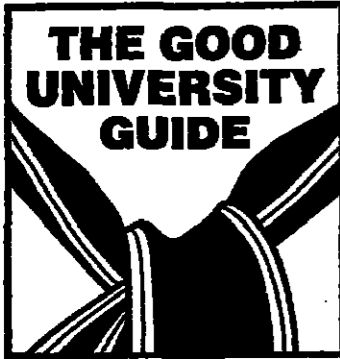
to prisoners in private; and, to conduct follow-up visits.

The ICRC President said he had obtained assurances of "positive progress" on the Geneva protocols, and, immediately after meeting with Mr Christopher Paterson, Minister for Overseas Development, Britain announced an additional £2.4 million to aid ICRC's work among refugees.

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Will they give you the role?

Nick Rogers



Most graduates find jobs, but an arts degree may mean you must try harder. John Clare reports on the risks, and the opportunities

Part 3: The choice is yours

No one can spend long talking to an arts professor without being firmly reminded that 40 per cent of graduate vacancies are open to people with a degree in any subject. Nevertheless, though very few graduates fail to find a job in the end, those who have taken non-vocational courses undoubtedly have to try harder.

For example, of the annual total of 3,000 English graduates, 13 per cent of those who went to university and 22 per cent who went to a polytechnic have still not found work six months later. The figures are much the same for history, geography and sociology.

Prospectuses, therefore, tend to emphasize the wide application of the skills acquired by those who, Canute-like, insist on studying arts subjects in an increasingly technological world. English is said to develop skills of "attentive reading and critical analysis which are applicable far outside the field of conventional literary studies". Prospective historians are assured that they will learn how to work with large amounts of information as a prelude to a successful career in business, industry or the professions.

Birmingham University, which describes its geography degree as "varied, vibrant, rigorous, relevant and up to date", claims that employers like its practical approach to the subject. Sociologists acknowledge that unemployment among their graduates is unusually high, but disagree about how (or whether) to combat it.

Modern language students must choose between institutions and departments which have a deliberately literary orientation and others, mostly polytechnics, that

frankly set out to teach foreign languages to future businessmen. It is one of the few clear choices that prospective arts students will encounter as they set about trying to decide where to study what. The evidence shows that their judgments are likely to be based on an unhelpful mixture of myth, misinformation and sheer ignorance, much of it unwittingly dispensed by their schools. Dr David Parker, head of history at Leeds, says most sixth-formers seem to get either bad advice, or none at all. Professor Kazan Wallis, head of economics at Warwick, says that students' greatest need is for inspirational, motivating lecturers... but they have no way of knowing if they're going to get them.

Even academics say they find it hard to make informed judgments about other universities. They are also extremely quick to condemn those who try. Last year, for the first time, the University Grants Committee (UGC) published its evaluation of the quality of every university's research, department by department. The rankings have been hotly disputed ever since; even departments judged "outstanding" say they are sceptical about the exercise. There are doubts, too, about the relevance of research to the quality of undergraduate teaching. Dr Parker, the Leeds historian, says: "Good research does not necessarily lead to good teaching - though it is a precondition of it."

The only serious attempt to measure teaching quality is the "peer review" carried out intermittently by *The Times Higher Education Supplement* (THES). Each instalment carries an ambivalent warning: "This survey does not aspire to provide an objective account of comparative strengths in research and teaching. It simply



Brushing up: English undergraduates from Birmingham University enjoy a lesson given by post-graduate student Wendy Macphee at the Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-upon-Avon

collects together the subjective impressions of heads of departments, who should of course be an expert jury."

Each head is asked to name the five best departments in his or her field and the department, "excluding your own, in which you would most like to hold an academic post". But a growing number of those polled are boycotting the review, agreeing with the philosophy professor who wrote: "This whole exercise is utterly deplorable and divisive."

In spite of these reservations, there is substantial agreement about the best places and, quite as importantly, what prospective students should look for. In most arts subjects, the size of the department is a crucial test: it determines the range of options available for specialist study after the first year. Students also need to be aware of the quite different ways in which departments approach the same subject.

Professor Burrow, of Bristol, says there are two types of English courses: the old-fashioned "literature through the ages" (Oxford, Bristol, Leeds) and the modern school (York is a good example) which is more flexible, allows greater specialization and includes the literature of other languages. The UGC judged research in English to be outstanding at Birmingham, Cambridge, Oxford and University College, London. The THES peer review also rated teaching highly at Newcastle, Sussex, East Anglia and Sheffield Polytechnic.

History, with 2,500 graduates a year, is almost as popular as English and competition is severe. Lancaster, for example, receives 700 applications but accepts only 80 of them. Courses vary from Oxford's "English history from its beginnings to 1964", through Durham's "History of the west

from the fall of the Roman empire", to those departments which teach no medieval history, but start at the end of the 15th century. Common to all is a heavy programme of solitary reading.

In both research and teaching, Oxford and Cambridge are generally agreed to be out in front, followed by Leeds, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester ("intellectually exciting"), Bristol and York, which is particularly praised for its varied and imaginative courses.

Geography, says Professor Ian Simmons, the head of the department at Durham, offers enormous variety: "It is science, the humanities, creative writing, computing and aesthetics. Most of our students go on to a business-oriented career." Once again, the range of courses available after the first year is important. Durham, with 24 lecturers, is one of the largest departments; the average is 12 or 13. A dozen universities, including Durham, Reading, Aberdeen,

St Andrews and University College, London had their geography research judged outstanding by the UGC. Sheffield and Southampton are said to be among the "unsung heroes".

Law is one of the hardest courses on which to find a place: few universities will consider a candidate with fewer than three A-levels at grade B; most polytechnics (Trent is a notable exception) have a poor pass rate. Sussex says competition is so severe that only 40 per cent of those who apply are called to an interview and only 40 per cent of those who are interviewed are offered a place.

John Hawkins, chairman of the law department at Essex ("outstanding" research), says students tend to prefer practical subjects such as commercial, tax and family law rather than Roman law or "too much philosophy". But he says school-leavers, for whom law is one of the unknown

subjects, should also ask whether the degree is going to give them a good general education as well as preparing them to practise law, which 60 per cent of graduates go on to do. Oxford and Cambridge are most highly rated for research, followed by three London colleges, LSE, UCL and Queen Mary's. The teaching is also said to be first class at Edinburgh (but remember that Scottish law is different), Nottingham, Warwick and Sheffield, with an honourable mention for Southampton.

Warwick's economics department is also highly praised, as are those of Bristol, Manchester, Essex, York and, of course, Oxford and Cambridge. They differ widely in their approach to the subject across a spectrum that ranges from the humanities to the sciences. Oxbridge tends to emphasize academic theory, Warwick the mathematical content, while Loughborough leans more towards the banking and finance side.

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Sites: Twenty six independent colleges (principal ones listed below). Also medical colleges: Charing Cross and Westminster, King's, London Hospital, Middlesex, Royal Free, St. Bartholomew's, St. George's, St. Mary's, St. Guy's, St. Thomas's.
Courses: Apply to college, not university; academic and social life revolves around colleges, though most halls of residence and main library at Senate House shared by all.
Accommodation: Central office allocates approximately 2,500 places in hall, the rest must house-hunt.
Recreation: Main computer facilities for university are at Imperial and Queen Mary's, while sports grounds belong to colleges and usually far from centre.

BIRKBECK COLLEGE
Site: Based in Bloomsbury.
Numbers: 300 full-time, but three quarters of part-time degree students study here. Male/Female ratio - 15:11.
Study: Primarily part-time students, so evening lectures. All courses four years.
Accommodation: Most make their own arrangements. College has no halls.
Recreation: Most pay own way for full-time jobs, with little time for social life, although some socializing does survive.
GOLDSMITHS COLLEGE
Site: In south-east, near New Cross tube, with visual arts department near Camberwell Green and science at Deptford.
Numbers: 2,700. M/F - 2:3.
Courses: Largest fields are English, social sciences, music, education and modern languages.

HEATHROP COLLEGE
Site: Palladian building off Oxford Street.
Numbers: 200, many post-graduate. M/F 3:2.
Courses: Philosophy, religious studies, pastoral theology, theology, and philosophy of religion.
Study: Many graduates go on to Christian ministry. Based on tutorials and compulsory lectures. Library excellent.
Study: Three faculties, with arts students in majority. Funded directly by government, not through UGC, at present.
Accommodation: Guaranteed places for first-years, either in halls on site or up to four miles away. Private flats hard to find.
Recreation: Main site is redbrick buildings amongst tower blocks of New Cross. Friendly. Strong performing arts, sports fields 30 minutes away.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE
Site: Main one in South Kensington. Numbers: 5,800, of whom 33% are post-graduate and almost 25% overseas. M/F 3:4.
Courses: Anthropology, linguistics, languages, politics, geography, law, economics and history of Africa, Middle and Far East.
Study: Unique courses in Bengali, Burmese, Gujarati, Hausa, Indonesian and Malay Studies, Sinhalese, Swahili, Tamil, Thai, Urdu and Vietnamese. Also Japanese and economics.
Accommodation: No college halls. Recreation: Intimate and international. Too small to have much student organization, but easy to make friends. Popular bar, Workdays heavy, especially in first year, but eased by flexible courses.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL & AFRICAN STUDIES
Site: Based in central university area, near to ULL facilities. Numbers: 800, 33% overseas. M/F 3:4.
Courses: Anthropology, linguistics, languages, politics, geography, law, economics and history of Africa, Middle and Far East.
Study: Unique courses in Bengali, Burmese, Gujarati, Hausa, Indonesian and Malay Studies, Sinhalese, Swahili, Tamil, Thai, Urdu and Vietnamese. Also Japanese and economics.
Accommodation: No college halls. Recreation: Intimate and international. Too small to have much student organization, but easy to make friends. Popular bar, Workdays heavy, especially in first year, but eased by flexible courses.

SCHOOL OF SLAVONIC & EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES
Site: Bloomsbury, close to ULL. Numbers: 350. M/F 1:1.
Courses: Largest fields are Russian, Eastern European studies and history. Unique courses in Finnish and Bulgarian.
Accommodation: No college halls. Recreation: Students friendly and involved.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Site: Bloomsbury. Numbers: 7,000. M/F 1:1.
Courses: Largest fields are medicine, law and economics. Highly rated in most fields. Unique course in Icelandic.
Study: Most courses assessed by written exams. Recently merged with Institute of Architecture and due to merge with Middlesex medical centre.
Accommodation: Provide for first and third year (1,250 places, plus 300 university places). Good prices.
Recreation: One of largest London colleges and SU crowded and popular. Politics and related, as is quality of teaching. Distant sports fields.

WESTFIELD COLLEGE
Site: Victorian residential college 15 minutes from Hampstead/West. Numbers: 700. M/F 1:3.
Courses: Largest fields history, French and English.
Study: Plans to merge with Queen Mary's during next few years, but usual intake for 1987.
Accommodation: All first and third-years offered residence. Recreation: Homey, slightly isolated. SU facilities on site.

WYE COLLEGE
Site: Medieval and modern buildings in Wye town centre, Kent. Courses: Largest fields physics, horticulture and environment. Unique course in rural environmental studies.
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TAKE THE WIDER VIEW

"You can't be doing any work. Not that it matters, particularly if you're making something of your career elsewhere... but are you?"
"Have you spoken at the Union or at any of the clubs? Are you connected with any of the magazines? Are you even making a position in the Dramatic Society?"
Thus Jasper berates his cousin, Charles Ryder, in *Brideshead Revisited* for frittering away his university days.

It seems nothing changes. Today's job market sets a premium on experience and dedication, rather than academic qualifications, and time spent on extra-curricular activities can be a better job move than swotting for a First.
"If you come here and do nothing but your course, you'll have wasted your time," says Steve Marinker of York Student Television. "If you are interviewed for a job and talk about nothing other than your studies, you won't get it... They'll wonder what you're doing with your time at university."

When it comes to explaining lost time, many students plead that they were working too hard to do anything else. This is unlikely to impress. Nevertheless, most students avoid committing themselves outside their studies: the same small hand of the club tends to run all the clubs. "There is a clique atmosphere in fields like journalism," says Heather Simms, editor of York's *Mouse* newspaper. "But most of the people are involved because they love the work, not from blatant careerism."

"Nor do I feel that I can neglect my work. Journalism is so competitive that employers expect you to be able to carry on two major jobs at the same time."
Arts students predominate in student organizations as they have more free time and more to prove. An arts degree is seen to show "a training of the mind" - and little more than that. Employers readily admit that arts graduates often make the best employees, but this is due to qualities unconnected with study.

Of course, not all activities carry the same employer-credibility: an active history in left-wing student organizations will hardly pave your way into the Civil Service. Most employers, however, are not looking for any specific student activities.

"The majority of students never get involved, but this does not necessarily mean they spend more time on their studies," says Rachel Clark of York's Community Action Group. "Yes, it can be a full-time job if you want it to be, but the reality of the problems you confront and their practical demands complement nicely the theoretical nature of degree work."
The soundest advice seems to be: go boldly into unusual pursuits... and then worry later about persuading the interviewing panel that this proves you always wanted to be a merchant banker.

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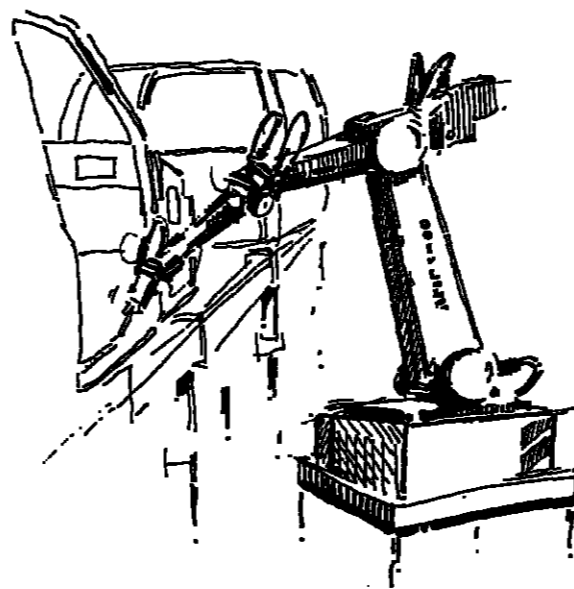
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THE TIMES DIARY

Lest he forgets

Although David Owen is still sulking in his tent and refusing to discuss a merger, Liberal MPs are convinced that by autumn he will have acknowledged the disadvantages of the SDP having its own spokesmen and the Alliance will again have a joint Commons front-bench. The SDP MPs are now only the fifth largest party in the House, behind the Official Unionists, and will rank even lower if the Welsh and Scottish Nationalists form an alliance. They would then be lucky to be recognized by the Speaker at all in big debates. What's more, the SDP's glorious isolationism leaves Owen without even Remembrance Sunday to look forward to. Having been excluded from the line-up of party leaders at the Cenotaph in 1983, he persuaded the Home Secretary to draw up new rules entitling leaders of parties with six MPs or more to lay a wreath. The parliamentary SDP is, of course, now a gang of five.

Lose some...

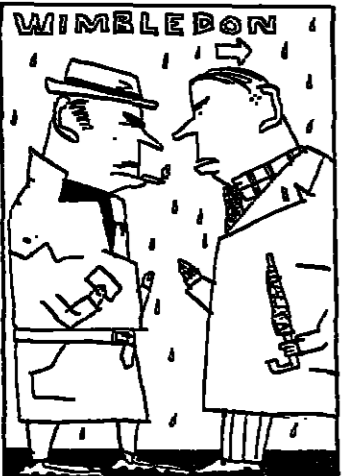
Bitter-sweet news yesterday for architect James Stirling, whose design for the redevelopment of Peter Palumbo's Mansion House site was rejected by City planners. Another of his prestige projects - the extension of Baron Wrensch Thyssen-Bornemisza's Swiss art gallery - has at last received public funding and building is likely to start soon. A question mark had hung over the future of the £16 million project after the millionaire baron threatened to move his collection of 16,000 paintings worth up to £1,000 million to the Prado in Madrid unless money was provided for Stirling's plan for the Lugano lakeside extension.

Someone must like the BBC after all. The day after Fred Astaire dies, out comes the *Radio Times* not only announcing a new season of *Fred and Ginger* films but featuring the old hooper on its front cover.

Crawler's curb

Resourceful members of the Metropolitan Police hope to deter kerb-crawlers by sending them shaming letters calculated to cause maximum embarrassment with wives, girlfriends and families. Streatham's vice squad has prepared hundreds of the letters ready for dispatch in the next few days after logging the ill-doers' vehicle registration numbers in a notorious red light district. The letters, the contents of which are still secret, have been carefully worded by the Met's solicitors; one copper mistakenly apprehended a local lepidopterist who produced his moth-catching equipment from the car boot as evidence.

BARRY FANTONI



Class war

Dorset's rural tranquillity was upset this week by Tories moody with their member. For the past three years party vice-chairman Jim Spicer has been at odds with some of his West Dorset constituents, firm grammar school adherents, because of his support for county council plans to amalgamate Sherborne's two grammar schools in favour of a bilateral streamed establishment. When on Monday he attended a meeting in the town's Conservative Club to discuss the proposals, which are now before the Education Secretary, a dozen members of the anti-comprehensive brigade turned up hoping for a frank exchange of views. They were told by the branch vice-chairman, a scowling Spicer sitting beside her, that the meeting was intended for committee members only and they would have to leave. "High-handed", said one, who had spent 12 hours on June 11 helping to ensure Spicer's election.

Following my story about Lambeth council's advertisement for a disabled grave digger, a reader rings to ask me to lay off Lambeth stories. "Whenever I try to sell my house people say, 'Not Lambeth, that's the loony borough,'" she tells me. Things must be bad.

Post chaste

Donald Graham, publisher of the *Washington Post*, had prepared his answer to the expected shareholder's question at the paper's annual meeting: "Have you ever committed adultery?" "No. And at the directors' meeting this morning we voted that you could ask that question of only one director." It was the *Post*, of course, that broke new grounds in serious journalism by asking Gary Hart "the A question".

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No surrender in the skies

by Nicholas Bethell

EEC transport ministers meet yet again tomorrow to try to agree a policy on air travel within the Common Market. After 10 years or more, agreement is at last near on a three-item package which will become the EEC's air-transport policy. On two of the items, air fares and the sharing of capacity on routes, the Twelve are already in agreement. Just a few problems on how airlines can obtain access to routes remain to be solved.

It is presented as a necessary compromise between the "conservatives", who wish to retain the one-airline-per-country approach, and the "liberalists", who believe that free competition is not only an essential part of achieving Rome but also a way of achieving cheaper and of better service for the passenger. It will, we are told, a valuable step along the road to 1992 and a true Common Market.

I just do not believe it. The proposed agreement appears, on careful analysis, not a compromise but a surrender to the supporters of cartels and monopolies. It seems amazing that the British government, supposedly committed to liberalization, should even contemplate accepting it.

No category of traveller - businessman, holidaymaker or family visitor - stands to gain from the changes proposed, and they come at just the wrong time, with the commission in Brussels

finally resolved to take action against airlines which for years have ignored the law. The agreement would exempt airlines from the treaty for a period of three years, so making their wrongdoings lawful and taking the pressure off them at a time when they are being pushed to make concessions to cheaper travel. It will stop Peter Sutherland, the avenging commissioner, in his tracks.

As things are, independent companies are showing what can be done and disproving the big airlines' suggestion that fares cannot be reduced. Richard Branson's Virgin airline will fly you from London to Dublin for £25 single, and Cathal Ryan of London European is charging £99 for Luton-Brussels return. These are no-restriction fares and half what the big carriers make us pay.

Prices have plummeted on the London-Amsterdam route since British Midland was allowed in a year ago. The newcomer charged lower fares and the old carriers, British Airways and KLM, of course followed suit. By contrast, prices on the straitjacketed London-Paris route have risen steadily.

It is fear of legal action that

induces governments to approve these lower fares. The agreement will remove that threat.

What, then does it offer? It supposes two "zones" of fares called "discount" and "deep discount". Examples of "deep discount" return fares from London would be £70 to Paris, £199 to Rome, £175 to Madrid and £252 to Athens.

Tickets at this price would, for instance, be available on a return basis only for a family group consisting of at least three people including one parent, or alternatively for a single passenger younger than 25 or older than 60 for an off-peak flight departing between 10am and 4pm or 9pm and 6am, provided that it was booked 14 days in advance, with a forfeit in the event of cancellation.

The conditions that make possible 65 per cent "discount" and 45 per cent "deep discount" fares cover pages of type and are described by several in the aircraft industry as "rubbish". Yet this is what the passenger will be offered on routes outside the four countries - UK, Belgium, Ireland and the Netherlands - where liberalization is beginning to prevail.

The only logic that one can detect in this, the fine print of the

agreement, is a determination to make cheap air travel inconvenient to the point of impossibility.

It makes sense for airlines to offer cheap fares to passengers who book off-peak, far in advance, or as a group - or at the last minute, to fill seats on a flight that would otherwise be half empty. It makes no sense though for the Council of Ministers to tie the passengers up so tightly into paying high prices that only Houdini could escape and it would be wrong for the British government, which for years has held the high ground in the battle for freedom of the skies, to put its stamp of authority on an unlawful system in exchange for a few cosmetic concessions and vain hopes that something will emerge in 1990.

I hope, therefore, that the government will reject the "compromise" and, as it has the right to do, take powers to enforce the law as the treaty dictates. The commission would then support us and more airlines would liberalize themselves rather than be pilloried in court.

In other words, we should be ready to break the crippled European airline industry's leg and reset it properly. If the agreement is approved tomorrow it will grow into a deformity.

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Gerald Priestland takes issue with Lord Hailsham's attack on Dr Jenkins

Why brand the bishops?

Bishop-bashing is one of the grand old traditions of the English establishment, reaching back to at least Henry II and Becket. The state likes to have the church around as a kind of spiritual pet, but feels restless when the pet gets up on its hind legs and says how things look down on the floor. For the church has a tradition of its own - one of prophesying upon the system - that goes back in its turn to at least Isaiah.

Lord Hailsham, of course, is no Henry and the Bishop of Durham is in a lower league than Isaiah or Becket. But the game goes on, and we in the media encourage it, heighten it perhaps beyond its merits, because it is so much easier to present an issue when it is summed up in a conflict of theatrical personalities. Both have the gift of the gab, both come gorgeously apparelled on the stage, though the Lord Chancellor emeritus is enjoying it more obviously than the Bishop.

When Lord Hailsham accuses Dr Jenkins of lacking charity, humility and intellectual distinction, he is allowing himself to be carried much further on the exuberance of his own verbosity than calm reflection might recommend. Never mind, he is having fun, and will probably have a lot more in the future. He expects the church to keep out of politics (or rather, the wrong sort of politics) but does not himself hesitate to lecture the church. It is all part of that grand old tradition.

But this is not, on either side, an isolated incident. David Sheppard was discomfited by the government from the wastelands of Liverpool long before David Jenkins turned up in Durham. Then there was the Church of England's 1985 report, *Faith in the City*, claiming that one in five of the population had been forced below the poverty line; and, during the recent election campaign, the "moral questionnaire" drawn up by eight urban bishops. Add to this the church's general refusal to embrace the Bomb as an instrument of peace, and it would be too much to expect the Conservative leadership to regard bishops as allies.

But are they right to treat them as enemies? Would they be justified, morally and politically, in mounting the sort of campaign to cut the Church of England down to size that has already been mounted against the British Broadcasting Corporation? Is Hailsham to monitor the C of E while Tebbit monitors the BBC? Morally it would be hard to justify. Lord Hailsham's latest outburst, accusing the bishops of "pontificating" on matters about which they are ill-informed and treating the laity like a "community of illiterate peasants", besides being rude, hardly matches the facts. The Bishop of Durham's



Times article on June 5 is a model of humility. In it, he grants the moral rectitude of individual supporters of the market system, though he does not hesitate to denounce the system itself. As for being less in touch than the laity (many of whom, incidentally, contributed to documents like *Faith in the City*), urban bishops and clergy are probably as well-informed as most politicians about what is going on in their constituencies. It is the intolerance of Lord Hailsham's attack, the reluctance to admit any alternative, independent critique of society that is most alarming.

Politically it is hard to see the point of it. Does Lord Hailsham think the church lost his party many seats on June 11? It is impossible to detect any distinctive Christian voting pattern in the results, but it does look as if neither Christian pacifism nor Christian socialism exercised much appeal. The *Church Times* has concluded that "a majority are not willing to increase taxation or end mortgage relief for the benefit of the victims of the prevailing economic trends. In general Christian socialism needs to be re-thought amidst disillusionment with the panacea of state

control". Which, if true, should be a lot more encouraging for Hailsham than for Durham.

One conclusion might be that Durham and his like should abandon their social and economic concerns and get back to the salvation of souls - as if they had ever abandoned prayer and the liturgy, which in fact they have not. But it is precisely because they are not a remote church preaching down to the peasantry that they interpret the gospel as they do. They do not believe Christ told his disciples to go forth and hold church services, but to heal the sick, house the homeless and visit the oppressed - the only criteria upon which we shall be judged. And the judgement they fear is that the church has not done any of these things conscientiously enough.

From time to time it is asked why the church does not turn its artillery against crime, against violence, against sexual immorality and Aids. In fact it preaches about these continuously, to those who come to hear. It is not the fault of the bishops that what they have to say about the Ten Commandments now goes unreported as simply *Not News*. Nor, it would seem, does Lord Hailsham wish to

read about it anyway, for he says he would rather get his moral instruction elsewhere.

It is all rather silly, as have been most of the storms that have lately tormented the Church of England: Durham (again) on the virgin birth, remarriage of the divorced, women priests and the Bishop of London. A good deal of it, as Durham himself acknowledges, has been due to the media's lack of background knowledge and perspective. People forget that many of these arguments are coming round for the umpteenth time and that the Church of England rather likes to brighten up its lacklustre bench of bishops with the occasional maverick. It used to be *Mervyn Stockwood* of Southwark, now the lot has fallen on Durham. If he has a rather larger following than Southwark did, perhaps he should be taken the more seriously.

I suspect that in fact he will be, behind the scenes, in spite of Lord Hailsham's outrage. Both know perfectly well that no market is free from manipulation, that they are all subject to tinkering and adjustments. The question is, in what direction and to what end? In fact, as one watches the emerging outlines of the government's third-term policy for urban areas, the ends in view look more and more in keeping with those of *Faith in the City*. Perhaps the prophetic effort has not been in vain.

If this is so, the socially conscious church would be well advised - while keeping up its pressure on the national conscience - to welcome any such movement and collaborate with it.

The church's real problem at present is how to prove itself necessary to people's lives - relevant used to be the buzz-word. Since, no matter what it does to its prayer books, people don't go to church, the church will simply have to go to the people - not in piety, but in service.

The great days of the church were when it served its people, in health, in education, in care of all kinds, in art and administration. For better or worse - and mostly for better - most of these functions have now been secularized, leaving the church with few ways of living its faith for all to see.

But that there are such ways can be plainly read between the lines of the statistics on homelessness, crime, poverty and the rest. *Faith in the City* identifies them, and at last the Church of England is raising the funds to go about them, to restate the demands of Matthew XXV. It would not have been done without the prophesy of bishops like Liverpool and Durham; and if I were Lord Hailsham I might comment "about time, too!" But I would not tell them to sit down and shut up.

Woodrow Wyatt Why the SDP must fight on

The Labour MPs who founded the SDP were followers of Gaitskell. If he had not died at 56, the Labour Party would have had a different history. In 1963 he bequeathed a party free of extremists and of its brief flirtation with unilateral nuclear disarmament. Gaitskell's way was to challenge and destroy alien elements before they could flourish and the consequent vituperation.

Harold Wilson preferred compromise and sought a quiet life, appeasing the left-wing dissidents while pretending they were no threat. That is how it became possible to belong to near or actual communist organizations, previously proscribed, and be a member of the Labour Party.

By 1976 the unfortunate Callaghan was forced to say at the Labour conference: "I also draw the party's attention to a new factor creeping into the party, which I warn against - namely those elements which misuse the word 'socialist' and who seek to infiltrate our party and use it to their own ends... I suggest to the national executive that they would do well to examine these activities, see what is going on, and report back to the party."

Immediately afterwards the national executive appointed a Trotskyist as Labour's youth leader. When the report which Callaghan had asked for arrived in May 1977, the national executive found it so damaging that it decided not to publish it, or even to send it to members of the executive, who could see it only on application.

There was now no stopping the advance of Militants (whose official creed is revolutionary communism), Trotskyists and the far left. As Kinnock himself has declared, all views, however totalitarian, are acceptable within the Labour Party provided their proponents are not caught running separate organizations. By any reckoning the new Parliamentary Labour Party is far to the left of anything before and would have been anathema to Gaitskell. The justification for a Social Democratic Party appealing to moderate Labour supporters is today much stronger than when it was born in August 1980.

There is no hope of purging the present Labour Party of its anti-democratic elements. If the forthcoming shadow cabinet elections do not show a further sharp tilt to extremism then it will come within two years, once the enthusiasm among traditional Labour supporters for Kinnock's election campaign has died down and the new Labour MPs will not fear a change of rocking the boat.

A number of the remaining moderate Labour MPs will feel unable to live any longer with the ultra-left majority. That is what the SDP should be looking ahead

to, not committing suicide. The founders of the SDP could have joined the Liberals and ideals were bad felt their aims and ideas were identical, but they are not. The SDP is firm about the need for Britain's own nuclear deterrent, whereas the last Liberal conference voted against it and will hence vote against it again. The Liberals probably do not care for realistic or neither practical nor realistic are looked on as anti-able and muddlers with a penchant for seeing that lamp posts and pedestrian crossings are in the right place.

Until the Alliance was formed the Liberal vote was stuck. At the general election in May 1979 it was 4,305,000 (13.8 per cent of the total), with little prospect of going higher. It was the arrival of the SDP which gave the Alliance a vote of 7,780,000 in 1983. Even in the June 11 election the Alliance had a joint vote of 7,340,000. If the SDP becomes indistinguishable from the Liberal Party, that vote will decline once more to the 4 million mark and the 3,175,000 votes the SDP got two weeks ago will mostly be shared between the Tories and Labour. SDP voters who hoped for a revival of the old-style Labour Party would feel betrayed. They could have voted Liberal in the past had they wanted to.

A sizeable number are trades unionists. As the Labour Party demonstrates that it can never revert to Gaitskellite ways, there is a strong possibility that unions such as the Electricians and Plumbers and the Engineers may break with the TUC and the Labour Party. They would not affiliate to the Liberals but they might well feel at home with the SDP carrying the old Labour flag, as would the new Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

Then there is the character of Dr David Owen. He is clear, strong and intelligent, not in the least like the general conception of a fuzzy Liberal. He is the only MP who makes a plausible opponent to Mrs Thatcher, and that is how he is seen in the country. I can understand his despair at having got nowhere in particular in the 1987 election, but that is because he allowed the Alliance to look too much like a merger with the promise that, if anything substantial were achieved, David Steel, with more Commons seats, would be the leader. A loose alliance at election time with Dr Owen as the acknowledged leader of anything useful which might emerge would have been more effective than the two heads appearing together as though there were little difference between them.

If the members of the SDP took time to reflect they would realize that their future is not so black as it appeared on the morning of June 12. Reform and fairness without destruction, in the old Labour manner, still has a future.

however... Joseph Connolly

Left wilting at the church

Flaming June; it really is a bally nuisance. One gets invited to weddings - fine if you're female because they give you a chance to flit about as fresh as a fresa in brand new pastel silks and chiffon that cost the approximate equivalent of a Trident missile. If you're a man, however, you have to slope off to hire a second-hand three-piece woollen suit in which to svelte through what generally contrives to be a blazing hot - or this year, a particularly clammy humid - day. And because June is such a busy month for the suit-hirers, it's as well to get in early; if not, what happened to me could happen to you.

"If we need the morning suit for the wedding, sir, we have cut it a little bit fine," reproved the assistant. Only the mid-grey numbers were left, which I don't like at all.

"I don't like them either," said the assistant, helping me on with the tailcoat. "There! Beautiful!"

If anyone but myself had been inside that tailcoat, I should have laughed my head off. The collar gaped into a cowl, the shoulder pads slumped in defeat around my elbows, and the tails themselves hit the floor, just six of my fingers protruded below the sleeves.

"A pin here, a pin there," suggested the assistant. "We do appear to have room for a little manoeuvre."

"We have room to take in lodgers," I rejoined. "Surely there must be something smaller than this?"

"It will all come together with the trousers, sir," assured the assistant. "If we would like to slip behind the curtain?"

We did so, and soon we flapped back out again, our feet fairly confounded by yards of suiting.

"Braces," opined the man. "A pin here, a pin there; possibly belt and braces. Though one does require ease of movement."

I gazed at the vision of myself in the mirror; put an oval around it and you would have had the logo for Penguin Books. The crutch of the trousers seemed to be slung around the area where I usually keep my knees, and the waistband hung away from me as if I was proudly demonstrating that I had lost 14 stone in as many days.

"Very elegant, sir," approved the assistant. "We find that the hat always completes the picture." Something unyielding struck me on the bridge of the nose, and everything went black.

"We often suggest a sheet or two of newspaper within the head-band," said the assistant. "That usually does the trick."

All that night I worked on the suit; I decided that the trousers would be all right if I hoiked the waistband up to my armpits and knotted the braces around my neck, stapling the waistcoat neatly over the top. The coat had to be eased on with special care, for its weight had been doubled by the judicious insertion of a hundred-weight of pins: one rapid movement and I could have bled to death. The topper I dealt with by ramming into it three *Sunday Times* supplements.

The wedding was out of London, so I had to pack the lot into a suitcase and change later on. I had allowed good time for the journey and therefore arrived at the family home long before the bride and her parents had risen, and started dressing immediately. Some hours later it was done, and I came downstairs gingerly, feeling ready for not so much a wedding as the battle of Crecy.

All went well, on the whole - apart from when anyone touched me fondly on the forearm and recoiled in pain as a pin struck home; one fellow, in a gesture of bonhomie that he will regret all his life, slapped me on the back, shrieked out loud, and spent the remainder of the afternoon dabbing his hand with a succession of vol-au-vents.

There was a hitch when the best man enjoined us all to raise our glasses, and I complied with such assiduity that the braces gave up their unequal struggle, and acres of trousering billowed like a main-sail; I had to keep my elbows jammed into my waist from that moment on, making it impossible to get the champagne glass up to my lips. I sort of bent sideways and dipped my nose down into it like an emu, while employing a method of locomotion whereby I shuffled forwards a bit, paused, and then hauled in the last few yards of trouser.

One was called me Quasimodo, made the error of nudging me in the ribs and howled in agony as though he had just had a brush with a porcupine.

But lashings of Bollinger oiled the wheels, and we all parted friends, everyone agreeing that the happy couple were very well suited - although nobody, I must admit, said the same of me.

Wanted: guardians for the new Jeanettes

Judges have suddenly been thrust into a new, highly-charged area: after approving the sterilization of Jeanette, the 17-year-old girl said to have a mental age of five, they have been asked in the last few weeks to sanction abortions on two Down's syndrome adults.

The cases highlight a disturbingly confused area of the law which has the right to make decisions on behalf of those who cannot make them themselves?

So far the courts have not faced the issue: Jeanette's sterilization was rushed through before the girl's 18th birthday, when she would cease to be a ward of court and when the court's powers to sanction the operation would be gravely in doubt.

It is a problem that will become more acute. David Venables, the Official Solicitor, who has found himself in the public eye in each of these cases as the guardian of the interests of those who cannot look after themselves, is worried that the courts could be swamped by similar applications. It will not be long, he predicts, before approval is sought for the sterilization of a woman over 18. He considers it essential for any such case to be taken all the way to the

House of Lords to clarify the law. But the problem is not confined to the mentally handicapped. As illustrated by the current legal grappling over the affairs of Sir Rudolf Bing, the former general manager of the New York Metropolitan Opera suffering from a brain-degenerative disease, it is a problem that also affects the elderly, who form an ever-increasing proportion of the population. The chances are, then, of a steady rise in the numbers suffering from mental disability.

William Bingley, director of Mind, the mental health group, says it is estimated that by the end of the century the number aged over 85 will have doubled to just over one million. "At present more than 20 per cent of those over 80 suffer from some degree of dementia which to a greater or lesser degree renders them unable to make decisions on their own."

At the same time, the new policy of integrating the mentally handicapped as far as possible into the community is bringing its own problems. In particular the greater sexual freedom this allows is expected to result in many more cases like those which have already come before the courts.

Doctors, too, are adopting a more cautious approach. Wary of the anti-abortion lobby, many now want the courts' approval in potentially controversial cases where before they would just have got on with it.

The legal loophole is that no one in English law seems able (barring certain strictly defined and limited circumstances) to make a decision for another adult, however incapable. And even if judges do have the power, those involved ask if it is right that they should be the ones to make the decision. There is a growing lobby for reform.

The existing Court of Protection takes decisions for the mentally handicapped but generally only on personal affairs such as property and finance. In addition, the Enduring Powers of Attorney Act 1985 enables a person to appoint another to handle his or her affairs, but this requires forward-planning; the individual must appoint the attorney when he is "competent" and in possession of his faculties.

The Official Solicitor himself believes the courts are not the right forum for this type of case. They are not geared up to it and in

the long term, he says, there will need to be an alternative. He supports the proposals drawn up by a group of lawyers from the Law Society, Mind and Mencap for a new Guardianship Bill. This, it is suggested, should be based on a statute in Alberta, Canada, enabling the court to appoint a guardian, usually a relative, for an adult who cannot make decisions for himself. The United States, Australia and New Zealand have similar codes.

The guardian would be appointed for a set period of time and would be under a duty to exercise his powers in the best interest of the "ward". He would be able to consent, or not, on such matters as health care, residence and general way of life.

Lawyers are also calling for the creation of a National Commission on Medical Law and Ethics so the courts are not left to grapple without guidance.

In the current climate, a private member's bill in the new parliament based on these general proposals would certainly command considerable support.

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TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE

Mr Shimon Peres is in the unusual position for a foreign minister of having more support abroad than at home.

In that sense, it has started rather well. Mrs Thatcher yesterday gave him what he wanted: unequivocal support for a Middle East peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations.

Last month Mr Peres had to abandon his attempt to bring down Israel's coalition government on the issue after it became clear that he could not command a majority either in the Cabinet or in the Knesset.

Now he is presenting his views to a wider, and probably more amenable, audience. The European Community declared its support for a Middle East peace conference four months ago.

In Jerusalem, however, Mr Peres is a prisoner of the coalition government. With the Cabinet posts scrupulously divided between his own Labour colleagues and the right-wing Likud party of the Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir (who is opposed to the conference), he has to broaden the base of his appeal if his policy is to prevail.

European support is one thing he might be

able to offer on his return. He also needs to assuage the fears, both in his own country and in the United States, about Soviet involvement in the Middle East. This would be implicit in any conference held under the aegis of the Security Council.

It is unrealistic to pretend, however, that the Soviet Union has no role in the Middle East, given its extensive influence in parts of the Arab world. Moreover there have been signs recently that the Soviet Union might be content to accept the limited role which a conference of the kind envisaged by Mr Peres would allow, rather than press for a formal policy-making conference of the sort it has been inclined to support in the past.

Time is not on Mr Peres's side. There are presidential elections in the United States next year which could paralyse diplomatic initiative in Washington even more than it is already paralysed by President Reagan's weakness.

Nor should the opposition of Likud to the idea of a Middle East peace conference be underestimated. Mr Shamir might prefer to dissolve the coalition and call an election rather than be bludgeoned - as he would see it - into supporting a conference he would not, under other circumstances, support.

Such caveats should not, however, detract from the importance of Mr Peres's European tour. The interest now being shown in the idea of a Middle East peace conference may show how little progress has been made towards a lasting peace in the region since Dr Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy 13 years ago. But it also shows how concerned the parties involved still are to conclude such a peace, and that itself should be a source of some hope.

THE QUIET REVOLUTIONARY

Last night's disclosure of a £942m commitment by the Australian-based freight company TNT to buy the entire output of BAe-146 jet aircraft over the next five years is more than a commercial triumph for British Aerospace.

The limited 100-seat capacity of the 146 and its range of only 1,500 miles gave rise to considerable doubts about its prospects when it first flew in the early 1980s.

Less than a year before, in the autumn of 1982, Sir Austin Pearce, the chairman of British Aerospace, was warning union delegates that the future of the company depended heavily on the project's success.

The aircraft's prospects brightened partly as a result of the RAF's decision to replace its elderly Andovers in the Queen's Flight with a small fleet of 146s. This encouraged a number of other operators of VIP aircraft to consider it as an economical, comfortable mode of travel.

The most important single factor in the turnaround of its fortunes, however, was the growth of environmental pressures in the

United States. Forced to respond to the demand for lower noise levels, American airlines turned to the 146 - by common acknowledgement now the quietest passenger jet in the world.

One big advantage of the "silent" jet is that it can operate that much more closely to city centres. This is in line with the growing "hub and spoke" philosophy in the United States, with short haul planes moving between large trans-continental airports and smaller city centre runways.

Another important advance is the opportunity it affords operators to fly at night. Yesterday's announcement comes only a few weeks after TNT began flying a 146 on a nightly run between England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and West Germany.

One drawback of air travel has so far been the inconvenience of travelling considerable distances between city centres and airports. The reduction of this should enable airlines to compete more effectively with alternative forms of transport. It might therefore have the effect of cutting costs to the consumer.

Following, as it does, the success of the Jetsream aircraft, it confirms the growing reputation of British Aerospace for emerging with the right answers at the right time. This particular answer is one which the travelling public and those who live near airports, should also have cause to welcome.

GOING OUT OF FASHION

News that the fashion house of the late Sir Norman Hartnell, couturier to the Queen and other members of the Royal Family, is in financial difficulty will sadden many for whom the name Hartnell is synonymous not only with royalty but with good, sound English style.

Change is the essence of fashion and it was Sir Norman's strength that for nearly 60 years he was able to adapt the best of the new without at the same time sacrificing those traditional virtues of quality and cut that distinguished the well-dressed Englishwoman abroad.

With hindsight, both decisions must have been questionable. The late 1970s and the 1980s were bad years for any fashion house to choose tradition rather than innovation.

Nor were the early 1980s the years when a fashion house known for couture was well advised to dip its toe into even the upper end of the mass market. Precisely the sort of people who might, a decade before, have had the

money and inclination to buy at that level were already being attracted away from traditional couture by the new designers. Still only making their names, these pioneers of English fashion offered individual ideas and personal attention, at little more than the cost of a ready-made Hartnell. Their clothes were original, young in spirit and fresh in style.

Small wonder, then, that it was to these designers - David and Elizabeth Emanuel, Bruce Oldfield, Jasper Conran and others - that the younger members of the Royal Family turned for their outfits. They are of an age to pioneer and experiment. They have done well as models and exponents of young British fashion and they can afford the odd mistake.

By and large, the young designers have served them well. One might quibble with the choice of hemline for the Duchess of York; the drum majorette's outfit in which the Princess of Wales met the King of Saudi Arabia or the uninspiring wardrobes she has sometimes taken abroad. But the overall impression has been lively, positive - and good for Britain. It has also been good for British fashion. New ideas now filter through into the mass market more rapidly than ever before. We have all benefited.

Norman Hartnell Ltd has, sadly, been left behind in the rush. The best hope for the company now is that the combination of the name and reputation might save it. Without new ideas, however, that may no longer be enough. Better, perhaps, that the name of Sir Norman Hartnell be remembered for the vintage years in which he was dressmaker to the Queen and dictated the royal taste rather than as a septa-untid institution struggling to keep up with an age that is no longer his.

Victims in the Opren drug case

From Miss K. F. Grasham

Sir, I wish to reply to the Managing Director of Lilly Industries (June 19). Far from your leader (June 5) containing misstatements of fact and misunderstandings, as Mr Bailey alleged, it was, in my view, very accurate.

Mr Bailey stated that his potent medicine was bound to have unavoidable side-effects for some. In saturation advertising, Dista Products (the Lilly company best known to our doctors and the general public) promised: In fact, the side-effects story as a whole is very impressive indeed, as they are generally mild and transient.

Every day, almost five years after the banning of this product, I receive reminders by letter and telephone of the continuing medical problems. The least serious effects cause severe discomfort and distress while others are severe and life-threatening. For how long must our elderly victims continue to die uncompensated? Five years is a very long waiting time indeed when one is frail, old and sick!

We most definitely agree with your leader's suggestion that part of the injustice is that United States citizens are being treated preferentially. British citizens who were exposed to this product for 22 months have apparently borne the brunt of this disaster. The drug was in use generally for only three months in the USA, therefore its effects were on a much smaller scale and the severity was less.

Every opportunity has been given for the company to establish a compensation scheme, as was done, for example with ICI and the drug Eraldin. Recent negotiations which seemed so close to success have come to naught.

If such a scheme was established the cases would be settled individually. It is Lilly/Dista who are insisting that all cases be tried under the British legal system.

Let me finish by quoting the concluding statement of the Master of the Rolls:

I see no grounds for thinking that these cases are an exception to the general rule that settling genuine disputes by agreement between the parties is almost always in the interests of all parties.

Yours faithfully, KATHLEEN F. GRASHAM (Chairman, Opren Action Committee), 13 Carlton Close, Dereham, Norfolk, June 22.

From Mr Richard Barr

Sir, I represent some 30 victims of the drug Opren, including a large number whose cases have come to light since the beginning of February this year. In his letter Mr R. A. Bailey, the Managing Director of Lilly Industries Ltd, has publicly sought to "correct certain misstatements of fact and misunderstandings".

Kimberley inquiry

From Mr Rupert Massey

Sir, As both a barrister and journalist, my instinct is to agree with your leader of June 17, "A public matter", arguing that the Blom-Cooper inquiry into the Kimberley affair ought to be public and that lawyers, social workers and journalists all have a duty to ensure that the inquiry is not only fair and impartial but also effective.

Lawyers will not only be bound by the rules of law and evidence but are also subject to a strict professional code. Transgression can lead to suspension or disbarment. Likewise the social workers can, following an inquiry's findings, be demoted, sacked and even prosecuted.

But what of the "professional"

her representative, the governor-general.

From the Governor-General of Australia, Sir John Kerr, dismissed Mr Gough Whitlam, the Prime Minister, he could argue that he did so because, in the situation then prevailing, the Queen's government could not be carried on without there having been an unconstitutional action.

There is no more reason to expect this from the British Government than from the governments of, say, Barbados, Bangladesh, or Kiribati. Britain has no special responsibility in this matter. (The fact that the Queen of Great Britain is also Head of State of Fiji is, of course, irrelevant.)

The Commonwealth as a whole might be expected to make some comment, since obviously an important constitutional point arises when the head of state of a Commonwealth country refuses to see the properly elected prime minister of that country. At the very least, it raises the question whether the head of state takes the advice of her prime minister, or of

journalist? Their Press Council has no disciplinary effect; there is no law against "distortion" (which applies in many other European democracies) and legal aid is not available for libel and slander. Trial by media is a real possibility and, in cases of child-abuse, is becoming commonplace.

When journalists, like other professionals, find a way of "disqualifying" those of their colleagues who abuse their powerful craft, there will be no excuse for limiting the freedom of the Press. Until that time, Mr Blom-Cooper may be right to opt for a measure of freedom from the Press. Yours faithfully, RUPERT MASSEY, Goldsmith Building, Temple, EC4, June 19.

From Mr Michael Whear

Sir, Mr Alistair Singleton (June 15) is right. Values in our society are not all bad.

The sign of the Volunteer in Trumpington Street, Cambridge, has a VSO volunteer facing London and the traditional light infantryman facing the town. It was redesigned in 1983, with the co-operation of the manager and Whiteheads, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the foundation of Voluntary Service Overseas.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL WHEAR (Hon Secretary, Cambridge Committee, Voluntary Service Overseas), The Old Chapel, The Green, Barrington, Cambridgeshire, June 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Power of PR to help minorities

From Mr Jeremy Thorpe

Sir, It would now seem appropriate to examine the electoral basis on which the members of the new House of Commons have been returned.

Taking first the popular national figures, the Conservatives polled 13,760,525; the Labour Party 10,025,944 and the Alliance 7,341,152. Conservatives, in a minority of four million of the popular vote, have been returned with an overall majority in the House of Commons. It is difficult to know what democratic objective is achieved by this distortion, unless it be to argue the proposition that all that matters is "strong government", which usually means minority government by an oligarchy of the right or left - often at considerable variance with the overall vote in the country.

Examining percentages produces an equally unsatisfactory result. The Conservatives gained 43.3 per cent of the vote and obtained 375 seats, representing 57.8 per cent of the House; the Labour Party 31.5 per cent, obtaining 229 seats, representing 35.2 per cent and the Alliance 23.1 per cent, obtaining 22 seats, representing 3.4 per cent.

In no other west European democracy could such distortions occur. The votes and percentages at the recent general election would, if applied to any other west European democracy, have produced a proportional outcome, namely 274 seats for the Conservatives, 199 seats for the Labour Party and 146 seats for the Alliance. The argument advanced in favour of the present electoral system is that there is a vital link with the local MP. It is not merely seven million who voted Alliance who are outrageously under-represented but also Conservatives in Scotland and Labour voters in the South-east and South-west.

Substantial minorities would be more likely to obtain representation in a multi-member constituency to whom they could relate much more readily than to a local MP from another party who frequently is returned with the majority of voters opposed to him. In fact the present electoral system has maximised and enlarged the divisions between North and South, which are not as great as the outcome of the polls would suggest.

There is a useful example of the benefits of PR to be found in Ireland. At the time of partition, David Lloyd George was determined that the Catholics in the North and Protestants in the South should be fairly represented and that a man's political views

Seat of majesty

From General Sir Michael Gow

Sir, I was interested to read Mr Gelder's comments on the Birthday Parade (June 18). In 1950, the military considered that the seat which King George VI had used in previous years appeared hardly worthy of the occasion and suggested that his Majesty might care to choose one from Buckingham Palace. He did so.

In 1951, it was thought desirable that the King should not be in the sun throughout the parade, but experiments proved that it was impossible to move the dais into the shade. The suggestion that there should be an awning was made but firmly rejected.

As for Simon Sinclair's polite and considerate observation (June 18) that there was nobody ready to help her Majesty in or out of her phaeton, if he had looked carefully he would have seen the equestrian standing by for that very purpose if required.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL GOW, Long Vere House, Loxhill, Hascombe, Godalming, Surrey, June 18.

Charmed circle

From Mrs Betty Kirkpatrick

Sir, Sadly I must disclaim responsibility for coining the rather charming word "cricle" mentioned by Kenneth Robinson in his review of the latest edition of Roger's Thesaurus in The Times of June 18. Unfortunately, "cricle" occurred in a part of the book untouched by my fair hand, in the existing introductory material to the thesaurus.

It may well be that "cricle" will become something of a buzz word, given a bit of frequency of usage from its supporters. Somehow it sounds more friendly than "cricle" and less clannish than "clique".

Even if it remains simply at the level of a misprint it must be remembered that errors creep into the best of houses. Why, only the other week (report, May 20) I was transmogrified into Betty Fitzpatrick by this very newspaper.

Yours faithfully, BETTY KIRKPATRICK, 23 Duddingston Park, Edinburgh, June 18.

Weighty words

From Dr Guy Staigh

Sir, I was recently called to see an elderly patient of mine at home and was rather surprised to see a 1947 heavyweight edition of Black's Medical Dictionary resting on top of her hamster's cage. This was apparently most effective in preventing the lively beast from escaping through the door in the roof of the cage.

This would seem to take alternative medicine to new levels. Yours sincerely, GUY STAIGH, 2a Pelham Street, SW7.

should not be determined by his religious affiliations. The result was the introduction of PR north and south of the border.

In the South it has never been abolished and has helped create a situation in which there have almost always been Protestants in the Cabinet and on several occasions in the office of the President. In the North the system was abolished for narrow political reasons and has to be re-introduced by Mr Whitlaw (as he was) during the Health Administration. It is a sobering thought that it took the outbreak of violence to bring about this necessary measure of electoral reform. I have the honour to be, your obedient servant, JEREMY THORPE, 2 Orme Square, W2.

From Miss Daphne E. Slee Sir, In 1920, in the year of my birth, Punch had a cartoon by Raven-Hill entitled "What's in a name?" It shows a boat named Coalition being repaired. Her mate (who looks like Bonar Law) remarks "While we are doing her up, what about giving her a new name? How would 'Fusion' do?"

Her captain (who looks like Lloyd George) replies: "Fusion" or "Confusion" - it's all one to me so long as I'm skipper." Yours faithfully, DAPHNE E. SLEE, Monksway, Osmington, Dorset.

ON THIS DAY

JUNE 24 1861

The Tooley Street fire burned for a month, losses exceeding £2 million. Several people were killed, including James Braidwood, director of the London Fire Brigade.

DREADFUL CONFLAGRATION

The metropolis on Saturday evening was visited by one of the most terrific conflagrations that has probably occurred since the great fire of London. Certainly for the amount of property destroyed, nothing like it has been experienced during the last half-century, the loss being moderately estimated at more than half a million.

The scene of the catastrophe was on the waterside portion of Tooley-street, nearest London-bridge, a locality which has been singularly unfortunate during the last 25 years, some of the largest fires having occurred there.

The exertions of the brigade were quite powerless to check the progress of the flames. It is scarcely possible to describe the consternation which prevailed. From the rapid explosions which followed it was thought that there must have been a large stock of saltpetre in every one of the warehouses. The concussion shook the neighbourhood, and scattered clouds of the burning fragments over the panic-stricken district. Although the sun had not set, and the evening was bright and clear, the whole of the public buildings in the city and along the waterside were tinged by the lurid glare of the conflagration, while the Dool and were darkened by the huge cloud of smoke which rose from the burning mass. By this period the news of the magnitude of the fire had spread all over the metropolis, and the number of people flocking to it was so great as to render London-bridge and the Borough quite impassable. The illustrious and outside coming of London-bridge were fringed with thousands of spectators, and we heard of one instance where a person in his struggle to obtain a place had fallen over into the river and was drowned.

At about 10 o'clock the fire seemed at its worst. Probably between 8 and 9 there was a greater body of flame than at any subsequent period, but the broad light of a summer's evening drowned it in its hideous glare. It was not till night fell that the tremendous terrors of the spectacle could be appreciated in all their horrid grandeur. Never since the Fire of 1666 had such a scene been witnessed. The whole south bank of the river from London-bridge to below the Custom-house seemed one stupendous pile of fire. . . .

By the mercy of Providence, happily, no wind arose. Had it been otherwise, the blasts of heated air coming through such a mass of fire would have lit everything within half a mile of it. Engines and firemen would have been alike driven away, and the whole neighbourhood would have been abandoned to the flames till a sufficient number of houses on its dreadful line of march could have been either pulled down or blown up. At one time such an extension of the catastrophe seemed awfully probable. . . .

Dawn found London-bridge still thronged with cabs, omnibuses, carts, waggon, and vehicles of every description. Peripatetic vendors of ginger beer, fruit, and other cheap refreshments abounded, and were sold out half-a-dozen times over. Publichouses, in defiance of Acts of Parliament, kept open all night long, and did a roaring trade, and so, for that matter, did the pickpockets, who blended business with pleasure, and had a ready hand for anything remunerative in their particular line. . . .

THE ARTS

Rueful refuge

The problem for actors in a show that runs and runs is when to get out. However, in *Brass Tacks*' moving film (BBC2) about his sanctuary from deportation by the Home Office in the vestry of a Manchester Anglican church, Viraj Mendis made it clear that he had no choice but to stay put. A Tamil-supporting communist, Mendis believes that if he is returned to Sri Lanka he will be killed. Unfortunately, he was nearly murdered in his refuge by some knife-wielding thugs who needed no Henry II-like bidding from the authorities to burst into the church seeking blood.

Mendis's jovial if equally stubborn protector, Fr John Methuen, seems a priest more pleasantly corpulent than tur-

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bulent — "God I look fat" — and Mendis himself comes across as a gentle and sincere, if very determined, political squatter. He has had a bad Press, not helped by the local council trying to make him a churchbound race-relations officer, but alas our newspapers increasingly seem to write critical notices of political theatre regardless of individual performances.

What the film made clear was that, despite the larger issues of church versus state, the role of law etc., it is in the interests of everyone if this embarrassing middle is resolved quickly, and that there is more political danger in the Government sticking to its guns than quietly giving way. Once our governments were big enough to offer sanctuary to much more dangerous political animals than Mr Mendis or Social Democrats.

The *Jesse Owens* Story (Channel 4) finally ran its course — more of a marathon than a sprint. It clearly showed that ethnic minorities who gloriously and legally hot-foot it for their country can be treated as badly as those who illegally stay put. For an American mini-series this two-parter was almost dialectically intellectual in its debate of the issues involved. But dramatically it suffered from jumping around in time and giving us so many flash-forwards to the Olympics that Owens's winning became an anticlimax — as was the revelation that Hitler in fact never snubbed him.

Andrew Hislop

Living in risk of tyranny

GALLERIES

John Russell Taylor reviews five shows linked to the Festival of German Arts

Jews in Germany Warwick Arts Trust

Images of Quality Science Museum

Friedrich Karl Gotsch Leinster Fine Art

Karl Hubbuch Marlene Eleini

Five Abstract Artists Annelly Juda

In comparison with the hard sell practised by several of the national festivals London has seen in the last few years — the Japanese and the Indian immediately spring to mind — the Festival of German Arts has been content to creep up in a subtle flanking action, sneaking on small-scale exhibitions in unexpected places rather than going for an instant knock-out blow at the Hayward or the Tate.

The excuse for holding it this year rather than any other is the celebration of Berlin's 750th anniversary, which is just now moving into top gear in Berlin itself. The London festival has elected to cast its net far wider to take in the whole of West Germany, and, historically, the whole of what was the German Empire.

A documentary show like the Warwick Arts Trust's *Jews in Germany* (until July 19) covers the whole of Germany from the Crusades to the Holocaust, but with particular emphasis, as one would expect, on the period when Prussia, for the good or ill of the Jews, dominated the other states. The show itself is actually of the kind which can just as well — and more conveniently — be taken in from the pages of the accompanying book, since it consists entirely of photographic panels telling the story



Telling the maximum with the minimum of lines: Friedrich Karl Gotsch's *Fallen Asleep*

in words and pictures. But it does make its point about the crucial role played by Jews in German culture vividly enough, and if there are a few dubious inclusions — Fritz Lang, for instance, on the strength, presumably, of one putatively Jewish grandparent — among so many, so distinguished, who is counting?

The emphasis of the show of modern German industrial design, *Images of Quality*, at the Science Museum until October 18, is also solidly educational, though in this instance there are a few examples of the products of such Mercedes-Benz (who are sponsoring the whole festival), Rosenthal, Kodak, Braun, Krupp and other universally famous brand-names to supplement and exemplify the information in the captions. Funny that there is no mention of perhaps the most famous of all, Volkswagen, but a small show cannot hope to cover everything.

More compelling to those more directly interested in art are three small "festival fringe" shows: those devoted

to Friedrich Karl Gotsch at Leinster Fine Art until August 8, to Karl Hubbuch in Marlene Eleini's new gallery at 14 New Bond Street until July 31, and to Five Abstract Artists from Germany at Annelly Juda until July 4. The thing that links them all together is the fact that their subjects did not really figure at all in the Royal Academy's giant survey show *German Art of the 20th Century* last year: there the strong currents of German abstractionism were ignored, and neither Gotsch nor Hubbuch was fitted into the show's overall pattern. However, amendments are now handsomely made.

Gotsch is the real discovery. Labeled by some German critic "the crown prince of Expressionism", he was born in 1900, studied with Koschka, whose favourite pupil he allegedly was, travelled extensively in the Twenties and early Thirties, and chose to return to Germany in 1933 and go into a species of inner exile rather than join his

friends in physical emigration. Though he was not famous enough to be included in the *Degenerate Art* show, he had difficulty showing under the Nazi regime and painted relatively little, only to emerge with a great burst of creativity in the Fifties and Sixties.

His style continued to develop throughout his career, but always remained essentially true to the Expressionism of Kirchner, Heckel and Schmidt-Rottluff, with its strong outlines and even stronger non-realistic colours. In the years before his death in 1984 he was increasingly reclusive, but his work became better and better known inside Germany, and the word has been spreading. The Leinster show is the first in Britain, and shows him to great advantage, both in the paintings (which include religious subjects, landscapes and one of his extensive series of self-portraits) and in the dazzling drawings, which use the minimum of lines to tell the maximum about his models.

Hubbuch we have seen before — there was a show at

Fischer Fine Art a few years ago — but by no means enough. He was one of the *Neue Sachlichkeit* group of searing social commentators, and his drawings and etchings of crimes of passion and other aspects of a resolutely unpicturesque low life have often earned him comparison with George Grosz. There is some similarity, but it does not run very deep. Hubbuch's style of drawing is crisper and more formal than Grosz's, and his view of life seems to be naturally a lot blacker: though he undoubtedly does see the funny side, he seldom shows it to us.

The present London show includes paintings, drawings and prints, and does at least demonstrate draughtsmanship of his generation: whether he is giving us a broiled interior, the scene of a crime, a glimpse of relatively respectable street-life or simply an obsessively detailed examination of the plants in his kitchen garden, the mastery is total.

All except one of Annelly Juda's abstractionists belong to the generation which did not grow to maturity until after the war. The exception, Emil Schumacher (born 1912), had a more craft-orientated training, and now paints free-form abstractions behind which one senses some kind of landscape base. Gottfried Graubner paints soft, cushion-like abstractions which suggest swirling mists of colour. Gunter Uecker, the best known, makes dimensional pieces of Op-art from patterns of nails hammered into wood or torn canvas. Heinz Mack produces subtly graded panels of spectra seen, as it might be, through corrugated glass. Ulrich Erben paints, in oil on paper, what look like hard-edge Sixties abstractions made rather more interesting and personal by a certain slapdash quality in the execution.

One could hardly imagine a more diverse group to be gathered under one label, but the vitality and independence are palpable. And, like all the shows in the Festival of German Arts, this performs a real, unsensational service by filling in gaps in our knowledge and gently dismissing stereotypes. We come out thinking better of the country concerned than we did when we went in: the consummation, no doubt, devoutly wished by all such international festive events.

CONCERTS

Ashkenazy/BBCSSO Stromness/Kirkwall

What the Festival Hall will hear tomorrow, the Academy Hall in Stromness was able to witness in advance, when Vladimir Ashkenazy played a programme of Schubert and Schumann for this year's "celebrity recital" at the St Magnus Festival. He had a warm welcome: international pianists are somewhat rarer than puffins and pilot whales in Orkney, and even the more cosmopolitan elements in the audience can seldom have had the chance to hear Ashkenazy in such intimate surroundings.

No doubt, too, he seldom gets to play in small converted churches. In Schubert's "Wanderer" Fantasia he showed a solid command that was magisterial but perhaps a little overbearing; the Schumann found his playing better scaled to the hall. The first two *Nocturnes* from Op 21 encouraged a helpful relaxation and waywardness, and the F sharp minor Sonata was memorable for the exquisite harmonic effects of the slow movement and for the pointing of those ideas in the finale that wrap up this loose structure.

György Ligeti Union Chapel/Radio 3

And so to another of the great climaxes in this Almeida Festival, the long-anticipated British premiere of György Ligeti's new Piano Concerto. It was helpfully performed twice by the London Sinfonietta, the pianist Anthony di Bonaventura and the conductor Mario de Bonaventura, also the work's dedicatee.

Like most of Ligeti's work, on one level the concerto explains itself, whilst on another creating its own, unique world. The composer transfigures our concept of time and rhythm, encapsulating us in an enchanted web of sound in which time and space are illusory entirely under his control. And yet there is something astonishingly conventional about this work; it is cast, as if in deliberate homage, in a three-movement classical form.

The first movement is intended almost literally to lift the music into the air, through the simple expedient of gradually raising the register, transporting us to the clouds while a complex grid of cross-rhythms brings Ligeti's clocks

Meanwhile the BBC Scottish Symphony have continued as the festival's orchestra in residence. In St Magnus Cathedral they were on their best form playing for their conductor Jerzy Maksymiuk in the *Siegfried Idyll* to start a bizarre programme that also had them accompanying local talent in the Fauré Requiem and in Maxwell Davies's *Firz Ferry to Hoy*.

This last, written for children to sing and play with the London Sinfonietta in 1983, is a colourful, atmospheric and challenging piece which many schools might manage with their own orchestras. Here the Orcadians were well-drilled and admirably in tune, if understandably a shade nervous at having to describe the sea journey with whales under festival conditions with the composer present.

Later the orchestra repaired to the wonderfully grim Phoenix Cinema in Kirkwall for a more normal programme, including a performance of Mozart's *Clarinet Concerto* in which David Campbell came forward from reserve to an unostentatious eloquence and flexibility of phrasing. There was also a new work, William Sweeney's *Cathexis*, which emerged under the composer's direction as a Scots elegy for low strings, with two dance episodes.

Paul Griffiths

into play. There is also a strangely lyrical quality, the kaleidoscopically changing colours enveloping snatches of overtly eloquent themes.

In the central movement, which is almost static, the atmosphere becomes eerily nocturnal. The movement is an inexorable accumulation of haunting wails, begun by a piccolo low in its register and culminating in an ear-piercing scream. The finale, notwithstanding Ligeti's great freedom of language, echoes the spirit of none other than Prokofiev in the determined brilliance of its jaggedly stressed *moto perpetuo* solo writing, while the orchestra treads a measured path beneath. Finally, as so often, the dream dissolves as if left in mid-air.

Both performances of this *tour de force* were fine ones, the piano perhaps too unremitting in its hardness. The concert was garnished with the Arditti Quartet's miraculously co-ordinated and controlled delivery of Ligeti's Second String Quartet of 1968 and with the 10 Pieces for Wind Quintet from the same year, which served to demonstrate the pedigree of the Sinfonietta's wind principals.

Stephen Pettitt

Paring a poet down to size

Donald Cooper

THEATRE

Let Us Go Then, You and I Lyric

Attitudes towards T.S. Eliot, the poet as well as the man, can never be the same again after Peter Ackroyd's biography; but it is hard to see what attitude is being adopted towards him in this narrative recital, imported from the Lyric, Hammersmith, to fill up one of Shaftesbury Avenue's black holes.

The programme takes the form of a reverse strip-tease. It opens with the sight of Joan Bakewell in large glasses holding a large book from which she reads a commentary by Ackroyd dwelling on Eliot's wretched first marriage and its guilt-laden aftermath. This punctuates readings from the early poems up to *The Waste Land*, underscoring the portrait of a timidly evasive character prone to visions of desolation and savagery, and rounding it off with a passage from *The Family Reunion* (the only theatrical item) to suggest that it was all his mother's fault.

Having thus cut the poet down to size, Josephine Hart's company then brings him back unassailably swathed in his full singing robes for a complete performance of the *Four Quartets*. Whatever their impact in the Lyric Studio, the *Quartets* fall signally flat in the bigger house, as I suspect they would have done even without the demystifying opening sequence. These spiritual reveries are not public poems, and any voice that starts declaiming them in a public place inescapably takes on the cadences of the pulpit.

Olivier got it right in a public reading of *Little Gidding* which he built up to a barked climax on the line "You are here



From arid self-scrutiny to elegiac rapture: Michael Gough (left) and Edward Fox

to kneel". He did not apologize for Eliot the authoritarian. That was a better way out than any adopted by the Lyric trio.

Michael Gough and Eileen Atkins opt for *wry common sense* and modest uplift, which enfeebls the music as well as the sense. Edward Fox goes all out for characterization, sometimes coming out as a Blimp with his spiritual back to the wall and sometimes, as in the riddling time sequences in *Burnt Norton* — "I can only say there we have been; but I cannot say where" — in the likeness of a squiffy Wooster trying to explain his movements to a suspicious bobby.

There remains much to enjoy in the programme's first part. It begins, inescapably, with *Prydick* (amazing to learn that Eliot wrote this prophetic masterpiece at the age of 23), which

Gough delivers with a perfect take-off from arid self-scrutiny into elegiac rapture. Even better is *Portrait of a Lady*, played as a duet between a gushing Atkins and a sour-faced Fox as her treacherously taciturn visitor. Eliot's defence of poetry, that it "takes up less space", is fully confirmed in this wonderful piece, which packs the equivalent of an Edith Wharton novel into five pages.

Elsewhere the partners catch the precise lilt of Eliot's broken music: in the accelerated nursery rhymes, or in Fox's treatment of the *Shakespearean Rag*, which wells up like simple dance tunes in Stravinsky. They also take a gallant stab at the *Waste Land*'s unspeakable Upanishads.

Irving Wardle

The American pianist Edward Aldwell presents Bach with an almost intimidating fervour and seriousness, and yet he does not quite possess that spark of individuality that was needed to bring to life a whole evening of the master's music.

Only in the sublime twenty-fifth movement from the "Goldberg" Variations was I swept away by Bach's spirituality; at other times phrasing was handled insensitively and with a uniformity of piano tone that very quickly verged on the monotonous. Mr Aldwell prepares his performances with meticulous attention to polyphony and, even if the results are rather academic, his uncompromising dedication is in itself something to be admired.

Grimly fervent

LONDON DEBUTS

Perhaps it was an excess of nervous tension that led the Borovatsky Piano Trio to treat the first movement of Beethoven's Op 1 No 3 in C minor with such *furioso* determination. I had hoped for some yielding poetry in the second subject, but the whole movement was to continue in the same hard-driven vein. No one player is better than the others, and the group plays together with a like

mind regarding interpretation.

The Schubert *Naturmo* movement, with its feeble twitterings of a nightingale, was also slightly upset in mood by overdone climaxes, but the Borovatsky are never less than musical, and their success in promoting Buxton Orr's highly capable Trio No 2 with a perfect balance and an ingratiatingly expressive tone made a very positive impact.

One might be tempted to think that a young pianist who makes his debut with an all-Beethoven programme, and one that includes the "Diabelli" Variations, is a little

foolhardy, but the British-born Clive Swansbourne knows exactly what he wants to achieve with the music, and accomplishes it.

He seemed incapable of putting a foot wrong, either regarding technique or style and, though I searched for more caprice in the "Les Adieux" Sonata, one could not have rightly expected a securer grasp of detail in the "Diabelli". His part-playing is admirably defined even in the most complex figurations, and Mr Swansbourne, with a greater degree of artistic relaxation, will make a mark as a pianist of powerful attainments.

James Methuen-Campbell

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Love lost in the rough

The divorce won by a 'golf widow' yesterday brings to the surface tensions caused when sport takes a grip on a husband.

Frances Edmonds talks to some of the suffering spouses

Don't put your daughter on the stage. Mrs Worthington, sang Noël Coward in a gloriously malicious assessment of the young lady's chances of thespian success. And don't, he may well have added, if reincarnated as a 1980s marriage guidance counsellor, let her get hooked up with a sherman.

A recent £30,000 report commissioned by Britain's Angling Foundation suggests that more than 90 per cent of anglers would be against their own daughters marrying anyone entangled in this pursuit. Only 8 per cent of anglers are women, and the other 92 per cent are fully aware that family and friends often come a poor second to their primary passion of fishing.

"We've been married for 21 years," says Eileen Leadbetter, wife of Brian, England's world fly fishing champion. "At first when Brian was involved in coarse fishing I used to go with him, take a book and sit on the bank, sometimes even have a fly fishing. (Fly fishing requires endless hours of patience, fishing from a boat in the middle of a lake or reservoir.)"

"At the moment Brian is working away from home and fishing at the weekend, so we only see each other once a week, on Fridays, when we usually go out to the local pub. I honestly can't remember the last time we had a holiday, but it doesn't bother me." Eileen seems to cope very well with a situation other women might find hard to tolerate. She is helped by a career of her own in sales administration, and a passion for historical and romantic novels. "I'm very happy with the arrangement," she says. "It works out lovely really. I knew Brian was an angler when I married him and I suppose I knew what to expect."

Although Eileen Leadbetter is adamant that her own daughter, 19-year-old Amanda, would never want to be a "fish wife" — "no way," she's grown up knowing what it means — she herself has had two



Par for the marriage course: left, Sandy and Christine Lyle, the "perfect pair" who recently separated; right, Nick and Melanie Faldo, now divorced



decades of uncomplaining, perhaps even contented, solitude, not to mention a freezer full of trout that nobody in the family wants to eat. But other sports can have a far more traumatic effect on relationships. Snooker seems to have claimed more than its fair share of marital casualties, although Barry Hearn, the man who manages most of Britain's top snooker names, tries to ensure that the stresses and strains of his boys' marriages are not aired publicly. "Sorry, we don't let the press talk to any of the wives," is his stonewalling response to inquirers.

"That's completely understandable," says one snooker correspondent. "Snooker is basically a working class sport, and so the pressures of instant success are that much greater. One day you're an unemployed nobody, practising six hours a day, and playing in the odd hall for a few quid. The next day, the entire press is camping in your back garden, waiting for a photo. Most wives find it difficult to deal with. If you look at the present ratings list you'd have to go down to about number 17 before you could say 'yes, that's a trouble-free marriage.'"

In many instances it is the sheer neuron-stripping tedium of a relentless circuit that causes the breakdown, and few couples seem to be completely immune to it. The recent separation of "Perfect Pair" Sandy and Christine Lyle, for instance, took the golf world by

surprise. Melanie Faldo, ex-wife of golfer Nick, readily agrees that while you don't have to be a robot to be happy as a golfing wife, it certainly helps.

"Either that, or you have to have a husband who is intelligent enough to understand your needs, and unselfish enough to do something about them." Melanie's five-year marriage to Nick ended in an

'Some of the golf circuit wives had babies to relieve the boredom'

acrimonious divorce involving Faldo's current wife. Three of those years had been spent living in a succession of hotel rooms, and working an eternal round of golf courses.

"I tried to involve myself in the business side of things, but that wasn't enough," she says. "International Management Group did all that anyway — nannied them, taught them not to think for themselves. We were always on the move. The only time we had at home was a few weeks around Christmas. The only conversation

on the circuit was either golf, or things pertaining to the golfing life. The women were supposed to be wifely, feminine. Some had babies to relieve the boredom. I used to find that the most interesting women were usually the ones who were not married to the top-earning, top-notch golfers, and who therefore had to have jobs of their own."

Different sports, of course, produce different problems. The putatively "nasty" Lieke Martens has been quoted as saying that the person most hurt by his on-court histrionics was his wife Dominique. Women associated with Formula One racing drivers have to come to terms with the spectacle of their men constantly dicing with death. Marlene Lauda, wife of former world champion Niki, cared little about the meretricious glamour of a multi-million pound income when she saw her husband of two months go up in flames at Nurburgring in 1976, and subsequently begged him to retire.

The siren song of the sea is perhaps the most difficult for a woman to fight. Twelve-metre yachtsmen competing in the recent America's Cup races in Western Australia were away from home for 11 months or more. "Twelve-metre yachting is a sport sponsored by millionaires," says Jo Joy, for five years companion of British challenge skipper Harold Cudmore, universally recognized as one of the best match racers in the business.

"At least that means that all the wives and girlfriends can come along if they are able. But I'm not that interested in the sport, so sometimes I've felt very low and lonely in Fremantle. I used to make a concerted effort to organize lunch appointments with other girls out there and really follow things up. In the end you realized that everybody was feeling just the same as you."

A sensitive and intelligent partner, of course, alleviates many of the problems. "Harold is quite a bit older than I am," says Jo, "and so he is very understanding. He will never go to a party if I'm not invited. He never hangs around till all hours in the pub, like some of them. Yachting is so very glamorous, you find all sorts of women just hanging around, offering themselves to allcomers on a plate. In Fremantle I used to find the number of extra-marital affairs profoundly depressing. It upset me."

Back at base in London, at least for the next few months, Jo enjoys the new-found financial independence of work, but also the opportunity of slipping down to Cowes for the Admiral's Cup on occasions when it suits her. "Most of the girls," she maintains, "would like their men to give it up."

Perhaps someone should commission another survey on the number of sporting "widows" who agree with her.

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Whole in health

Celia MacNab, a health counsellor, has discovered "that PMT can strike at more or less any time in a woman's life — I've even seen it in women who've had hysterectomies." To help combat the problems of irritability, lethargy, headaches, depression and clumsiness, MacNab runs regular six-week, one evening a week courses in London (and offers private consultations) approaching the subject "holistically" — treating the mind and body with a combination of relaxation, exercise and other self-help techniques. In the past group members have experienced improved concentration, become more emotionally stable throughout their cycle, and started to work more effectively. The first evening is free, after that, a course costs £55 and Celia MacNab can be contacted at 95 Constance Road, London NW3 2LP (01-485 7656).

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"I think I'm pretty grown-up but I have a terrible time taking care of myself. I can travel by myself all around the world on my American Express card. But things like clearing my room, taking my clothes to the cleaners, my living my shoes, I can't do." Jodie Foster

Net gains?

To most, Wimbledon fortnight means languid spells in front of the television with a bowl of strawberries. But for the elite young women whose seemingly effortless play entertains (and can earn them) millions, it is no such picnic, as Karen Stabner discovered on the "circuit", pursuing three young American players on the brink of turning pro for her new book *Courting Fame* (Kingswood Press, £12.95). Steffi Graf's father was recently quoted as saying: "All I did was realize, when she was five, that she had the possibility to become a champion, and I helped her." This book explores the disruption of young lives by ambitious parents who may pressure their gifted children into competitions at seven years of age in a quest for fame, fortune and — quite probably — reflected glory. Definitely something to dip into when rain stops play.

Franc speaking

Veteran voyagers might find Linguaphone's Travel Packs laughable, but they may stop anyone who is not au fait with the Continent, its customs and languages — particularly young people travelling alone for the first

Safety at work

A follow-up to the recent focus on rape prevention: would British companies please follow the lead of the American company Du Pont, who have, since 1985, conducted in-house rape prevention and counselling workshops (in which women review survival options, such as reasoning with the attacker, fighting and shouting back). They offer six months paid leave for recuperation from a rape — with guaranteed confidentiality — and provide a 24-hour hotline number which summons company rape-intervention employees in the case of sexual harassment in the workplace. There is also a four-hour session available to managers — most of whom are men — on dealing with an employee who has been raped. "If people feel unsafe," reports Mary Lou Arey, development manager in employee relations, "they are not directing their attention to selling, or whatever they're supposed to be doing. We can increase productivity if we can control this so the company is getting a payoff."

Josephine Fairley

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Am I the only one who cares?

FIRST PERSON

Bel Bailey

Ask most "only" children if they would like a brother or sister and they usually shake their heads. Ask them again in middle age and the answers are very different: one feels a need for that "missing link" as the years pile up.

I've asked mature onlies like myself why they miss not having a brother or sister, and many answers emerge. When you are an only child there is no one to help you when your parents get old, frail or sick. There is no one of the same generation with whom to talk over childhood days, no one to say "Do you remember when . . .", and there is no brother or sister to give any support or advice in times of crisis.

Of all these drawbacks the most serious lack is for the unmarried "only" who is a carer for one or both old parents. Then the loneliness is felt most acutely. Few groups exist to help carers who often find themselves quite isolated. Homestart, which has branches in most towns, invites volunteers to train to help mothers of one or more children under five — to offer them support and friendship, and give them breaks. No such body of volunteers exists to help carers of "old children". More than a million people now look after old dependent relatives; many of these carers receive no support services.

The DHSS admitted in a 1981 report that carers "may shoulder considerable financial, social and emotional burdens". A friend of mine, another "only" caring for a severely disabled elderly mother, has all but given up the struggle to obtain even an invalid care allowance for his full-time care.

His mother could not exist in her own home without his help, yet although a bed in a home or hospital can cost the state between £150 and £500 a week, that small allowance is little more than £20 a week. It is not given to him. So he and his mother struggle on in dire poverty.

My own mother is 84 and registered as part-sighted. She suffers from high blood pressure, hardened arteries and angina, and she finds walking difficult yet still she is never visited by any social worker. In our own area of Hertfordshire only totally blind old folk ever get these routine visits. Recently I had to walk more than a mile — we cannot afford a car — to collect a white stick for my mother. A social worker had made it clear that she would not consider delivering it herself by car.

That same indifference is often shown on hospital visits. Carers are frequently hard-pressed to get the old person to an appointment perhaps 40 miles away. When my mother needs to go to her eye hospital, no help is given with transport, yet it is truly a nightmare to get her up and down railway and underground steps and endless corridors to her destination.

Even her own doctor expects her to visit his surgery for her monthly blood-pressure checks. It would be wrong to suppose that the same conditions exist everywhere. But the point is that, very often, not the slightest concession is made either for the very old disabled person (unless in a wheelchair, perhaps) or for the carer who struggles to cope.

It is possible that volunteers prefer to work with young mums and toddlers, rather than middle-aged carers with their old charges. Yet this very lack of support, or even of an interest shown in us, as Cinderellas of society, causes the ageing "only" to feel alone and forgotten.

Can it be right that "caring for the carer" should vary so much from area to area? Few of us are lucky enough to live in models of community care. Will this situation ever change? For many carers the position in 1986 is little different to that of 1886.

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Civil Service unions split as Treasury imposes deal

By Roland Rudd

The two Civil Service unions in dispute with the Government over its 4.25 per cent pay offer split yesterday over the threat of an all-out strike.

After the militant-dominated national executive of the Civil and Public Services Association decided to ballot its members on an all-out indefinite strike from July 20, the Society of Civil and Public Servants decided to suspend all further action pending further negotiations with the Treasury.

The Treasury immediately announced that it will impose the pay offer, backed dated to April 1, on the two unions in time to be included in their members' July salaries. The Treasury also said it was moving towards a suspension of the "check off" system under which union subscriptions are deducted at source.

The implication is that if the CPSSA go ahead with an all-out strike it will be putting their income from members' subscriptions in immediate jeopardy and could be starved of cash.

A Treasury spokesman said last night that he was delighted with the news that the CPSSA is suspending all further action. He said: "Common sense has finally broken out".

Six die as 'floating bomb' collides with tanker



The two parts of the Greek tanker *Vitoria* ablaze on the Seine yesterday near Rouen after it collided with the Japanese tanker, *Fuyo Maru*.

Six people were missing believed dead and two others seriously injured in the explosion which followed the collision (Susan MacDonald writes). The dead, who included the French pilot, were on all board the *Vitoria*, which had discharged its cargo of petrol but had not had the holds degassed. The explosion blew out windows within a three-mile radius as a huge ball of flame shot into the sky.

Miraculously the explosion did not affect the *Fuyo Maru*, whose holds were still full of petrol. The Japanese vessel took the two injured and the rest of the *Vitoria*'s crew of 24 on board. The two injured people, one suffering from second-degree burns, were airlifted to hospital. Firefighters fought all day to bring the fire on both halves of the *Vitoria* under control. In the late afternoon one half was still burning. The tanker was on her way to Rotterdam from Rouen, where she had discharged her cargo.

There is apparently no danger of pollution as the *Vitoria*'s holds were empty, but French environmental groups yesterday were asking whether it was normal practice to let a tanker proceed with her holds still full of gas, making her a floating bomb.

The moderate general secretary of the CPSSA, Mr John Ellis, said he was sad and disappointed by the outcome. In a swipe at the broad left Militants on his executive he added that he hoped his union would never take strike action as a means in itself.

Asked whether he would consider resigning if his members supported the all-out strike action, Mr Ellis replied: "Hell no, I will still have to pick up the pieces after the strike".

Mr Ellis said no decision had yet been taken on whether to recommend an all-out strike to his members and said he still thought the executive might not make any recommendation at all.

But his deputy general secretary, the Militant supporter Mr John Macreadie, was quick to rebuke Mr Ellis. "The executive will definitely make a firm recommendation to its members on whether they should vote in favour of an all-out strike".

The CPSSA is now the last of four Civil Service unions in dispute with the Government.

Mr John Ellis, general secretary of the CPSSA.



Mr John Macreadie, his militant deputy.

The 140,000 strong CPSSA represents low paid civil servants and is particularly strong in the DHSS and employment benefit office. The 85,000 CPSS members are in relatively low-ranking administrative grades within those departments and have a high presence in Customs and Excise and airports as air traffic controllers.

Air travel expansion fails to give hope of fares drop

The world's airlines are still losing money, in spite of a big increase in the number of passengers and huge savings from lower fuel prices.

Lower fares generally have for that reason been virtually ruled out, and airlines are having to turn to retooling their aircraft because they cannot afford to buy new ones.

In a generally gloomy review of the industry's future yesterday, Mr Gunter Eser, director general of the International Air Transport Association, meeting in Geneva, said that a predicted growth of up to 15 per cent in passengers next winter, and even more in the summer could cause serious congestion at dozens of airports and in the skies.

"The big challenge facing airports and air traffic control systems is to handle the surge in traffic smoothly and efficiently. The situation is already close to crisis proportions," he said.

"In the United States contributing factors related to deregulation include new-entry airlines and increased frequencies to maintain and improve market share in a tough competitive environment."

"The Federal Aviation Authority now proposes to levy peak hour user fees at airports", he said.

In an effort to ease the congestion, airlines are mounting a world-wide campaign to open up more airports to night-time operations. In Britain British Caledonian is soon to take delivery of 10 new Airbus A320 jets, which it says will be quieter than existing propeller-driven aircraft.

The company is to see Mr Paul Channon, the new Secretary of State for Transport, in an effort to persuade him to lift the ban on jets using Gatwick at night.

The problem is just one of many now facing the aviation industry.

The association's 160 members lost a total of \$200 million (about £125 million) last year, in spite of a 30 per cent fall in fuel prices which cut overall airline costs by an average of 4.6 per cent.

Now they fear that fuel prices are about to rise again, and wipe out any financial benefit from the increase in the number of passengers.

£942m deal for BAe saves 20,000 jobs

In stringent tests the 146 demonstrated that it made less noise than a conventional propeller-driven aircraft and no more noise than a car travelling at 30mph passing by 100 yards away. The airports were forced to accept the 146 as the only jet allowed in.

Two of the aircraft were sold to the RAF to join the Queen's Flight and one was used to carry the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their visit to China last year, creating an excellent impression and the possibility of orders from the Chinese government.

BAe is confident that the 146 will be an important element in achieving a turnover in the civil aircraft division of more than £3,000 million by the end of the decade.

The 146 first flew in 1981 and was given little chance to succeed by many in the aviation industry.

After a long period when it looked as if the doubters would be proved right, orders began to build up and before yesterday's announcement they had reached 96 firmly on the books with 50 options in the pipeline.

Parents force inquiry over child sex abuse

The district health authority pointed out yesterday that although 197 orders had been taken out it did not mean that all the children were suspected of being sexually abused. Where a child was suspected to have been abused and had brothers and sisters they would be taken into care after being deemed "at risk" while the investigation was under way.

It also emphasized that there was no implication that the parents had been responsible for the abuse but that under the law children had to be removed from the environment in which they had been subjected to abuse.

"If consultants see symptoms consistent with child abuse they automatically refer the case to social services, who then take out a place of safety order while the matter is being investigated further."

The police were informed from the start and made their own investigations. However, if criminal proceedings did not go ahead the child was not automatically returned to its parents, said under such circumstances they had to take their case to the civil court.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,391

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This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 41 per cent of the competitors at the 1987 Birmingham regional final of The Times Collins Dictionary Crossword Championship.

WEATHER

General situation: Unsettled weather will continue with a few bright intervals and showers in northern areas. There will be cloudy rather humid weather in the south, with occasional rain or drizzle more especially on coasts and hills.

South Wales, England and the Channel Islands will be mainly cloudy with some occasional drizzle, hill and coastal fog, especially in the west. Wind light westerly. Rather humid with maximum temperature 16 to 19C (61 to 66F). North Wales and Central England will be cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, some bright intervals developing. Light westerly wind. Rather humid, maximum 18 to 20C (64 to 68F). Northern England will be mainly cloudy with scattered showers. Wind light north-west backing south-west later. Near normal maximum 19C (66F). Northern Ireland and western Scotland will have sunny intervals with scattered showers, rain spreading from west later. Wind south-west mainly, light. Temperatures near normal at 18C (64F). Eastern Scotland will have bright intervals, mainly dry. Winds light variable or easterly. Rather cool, 13 to 15C (55 to 59F). Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Most areas will have rain or showers tomorrow but somewhat brighter and drier weather will follow later in the day and during Friday.

ABROAD	AROUND BRITAIN	HIGH TIDES
MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sh, snow; L, thunder.	Sun Rain: Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun	TODAY: Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun
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Lighting-up time: London 9:52 pm to 4:14 am, Manchester 10:12 pm to 4:24 am, etc.

Pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 13 (very low). Forecast for today, similar. For today's recording call British Telecom's Weatherline: 01-246 8091, which is updated each day at 10.30 am.

THE POUND

Bank	Bank
Australia \$ 2.32	Canada \$ 1.40
France F 6.54	Germany M 2.36
Italy L 1.36	Japan Y 161.00

Information supplied by London Weather Centre

Solution to Puzzle No 17,390

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FT 50 Shares
1987.24

FTSE 100
2385.10

Barclays
60.15

US \$ (London)
2.32

THE POUND

US dollar
1.36

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Trade Winds
17.50

City road
for VPI
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Earnings

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1751.6 (+14.8)
FT-SE 100
2265.5 (+20.9)
Bargains
60415 (45310)
USM (Datastream)
191.45 (-0.12)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6010 (+0.0030)
W German mark
2.9362 (-0.0057)
Trade-weighted
71.7 (-0.1)

City rush for VPI placing

The bid for a global presence by Vain Pollen International, the financial public relations group, through a £70 million takeover of New York-based Carter Organization has been given enthusiastic support by City institutions. They have agreed to pay 42.5p each for the shares issued to finance the deal.

This compares with the 29p at which VPI shares were suspended last week and amounts to a virtual reflation of the company, says James Capel, its broker.

VPI is issuing 8,106 million shares to raise £24 million to finance the first £31.1 million of the bid. A total of 54 per cent has been placed with institutions, with 46 per cent subject to clawback.

Shares in VPI are expected to remain suspended until the end of next month, pending an extraordinary general meeting of the company.

Earnings leap

Marshall's Halifax, the Yorkshire building materials company, beat market estimates yesterday by reporting pretax profits for the year to end-March up from £7.2 million to £9.7 million. Earnings per share rose from 12.1p to 15.8p. A final dividend of 4.5p was declared making a total of 6.25p.

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Vodafone group launches acquisitions strategy

Racal reports £100m profit

By Colin Campbell

Racal Electronics, the diversified security and defence group, is planning a series of acquisitions across a broad range of activities with Europe and the America very much in mind. Mr David Elsbury, the deputy chief executive, said yesterday.

Presenting 1987 results showing pretax profits of £100.26 million against £90.2 million, on a turnover which rose by 1.9 per cent to £1.29 billion, Mr Elsbury forecast, subject to circumstances beyond Racal's control, that profits for the current financial year should be "very good".

The 1987 result was a little below the City's best forecast, but at least Racal has made up some of the ground lost in 1986. Then, for the first time in 31 years, it failed to report record profits and instead suffered a £42.1 million pretax profit fall to £90.2 million.

For the 1987 financial year, Racal is raising the final dividend from 2.268p to 2.495p a share, making 3.3p (3.0345p) for the year.

Analysts were generally encouraged by the tone of yesterday's presentation and

revised upwards their current year profits forecast. In the stock market Racal shares rose by 17p to 268p.

Racal-Chubb has a £400 million order book and the British safe interests are now making profits; data communications, which turned in profits of £44 million (£15 million) and is set to remain the group's main profit contributor, is planning a series of acquisitions in Europe; and after allowing for

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start-up costs operating profits from telecommunications are forecast to improve from £10 million to "well over £30 million", Mr Elsbury said.

Mr Elsbury said the order book for defence interests now stood at a record £240 million and despite the impact of a slowdown in certain economies because of the oil price, the revenue projections for this division would be met.

The development of the Vodafone cellular radio service had been successful, and during the year more than 50,000 subscribers were connected, making a total of

79,000 by March 31 this year. By the end of June this total should reach 95,000.

The combined operating profits from Racal's two new business areas - telecommunications and security, where substantial investment has been made - are forecast to grow from £65 million this financial year, to £105 million in the 1989, and to £145 million in the year to the end of March, 1990.

There were several developments within Racal's specialised businesses where operating returns of 10.4 per cent were earned last year. This division, which accounted for 14 per cent of last year's turnover, includes health and safety which takes Racal into the nuclear, biological and chemical protection business.

Racal's debt/equity ratio stood at 53 per cent at the 1987 balance sheet date, compared with 57 per cent a year earlier, and currently was down to 32.2 per cent.

"Anybody who is thinking of a rights issue for Racal can forget it," the deputy chief executive said.



David Elsbury: 'Forget thoughts of a Racal rights issue'

Lawson pledge on reform to aid economy

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

In one of his first major speeches since the election, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, yesterday stressed the need for further reforms to improve the efficiency of the economy.

Singling out two areas for attention, he said the shortage of private rented accommodation in many parts of the country made it difficult for people to move to where the jobs might be. He pledged the Government to tackle the problem.

He also said that wages were not responsive enough to changes in the fortunes of the businesses for which employees worked. Measures to encourage profit-related pay would be reintroduced in a second Finance Bill in a few days' time.

Mr Lawson told Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce that much progress had already been made.

Control of inflation had been a precondition of success. But at the heart of Britain's new-found economic strength was a "dramatic improvement in the supply side of the economy".

The current expansion in output, running at 4 per cent a year in the first quarter, was much more than a recovery from recession or the operation of the normal cyclical pattern.

It had been achieved by the response of management and workforce to the Government's removal of constraints

including incomes policy, trade union immunities and controls on the financial sector.

Mr Lawson, speaking in the wake of the Government's poor showing in Scotland during the election, emphasized that Scotland was sharing in Britain's general prosperity.

Gross domestic product per head was higher in Scotland in 1987 than anywhere else in Britain outside the South-east and East Anglia while average male earnings had been consistently higher than anywhere apart from the South-east. Public spending per head was significantly higher than the average in Britain.

The fall in the oil price cost the North Sea industry 12,000 jobs plus a further 8,000 in related industries. But unemployment in Scotland had fallen since January, the difficulties of the oil industry only temporarily masking the strong performance of the larger non-oil economy.

Mr Lawson said the economic background was now optimistic with steady growth combined with a low level of inflation, a stable exchange rate and real interest rates in line with the average of the large industrial countries.

The main threat lay in potential adverse developments in the world economy outside Britain.

Cyclical indicators point to boom-time

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The latest cyclical indicators for the economy, published yesterday, provide further evidence of very buoyant growth.

The main indicators, both leading and lagging, have shown strong rises over the past few months and indicate that the economy is in a boom phase of the cycle.

The longer leading index, boosted by rising share prices, high levels of business optimism and lower interest rates recorded one of its strongest ever rises last month. The longer index points to turning points in the economy 12 months ahead.

The shorter leading index also rose, helped by sharply rising personal sector credit and good industrial orders. And the lagging index has turned up, helped by the fall in unemployment over the past 11 months.

The cyclical indicators, while accompanied by the usual health warning about

their reliability from Whitehall statisticians, fit in with recent evidence of a strongly growing economy, including last month's big fall in unemployment.

Further rises in the longer leading index are likely, although the recent correction in share prices may moderate the rate of increase.

Stocks held by British industry rose in the first quarter, in spite of the buoyancy of the economy. There was a rise of £325 million in the value of stocks, measured in 1980 prices.

Manufacturers' stocks rose by £195 million and stocks of wholesalers recorded a £120 million increase.

Part of the reason for the increase in stocks may have been the levelling-off of consumer demand. Growth in the first quarter was partly due to a recapturing of the home market by domestic producers.

£305m of credit for Nissan importer

By Colin Narbrough

Nissan UK, the importer and distributor of Nissan cars in Britain, has negotiated two new credit lines worth £305 million to provide back-up for the growth in sales it expects this year and next.

The company, the country's biggest traditional importer of cars, had unit sales exceeding 109,000 last year, giving it 5.8 per cent share of the market.

It is next year that the company expects sales to take off, as the Nissan car plant at Washington, Tyne & Wear, reaches the 60 per cent local content level that will allow its Bluebird output to be treated as domestic products. This year the plant expects to build more than 29,000 units, compared with its target of 24,000.

Nissan UK, a highly profitable private company, has no other links to the Japanese carmaker other than as a customer for its cars.

The new credit facilities will help it expand in the competitive hire purchase, leasing and contract hire sectors, and to meet its medium-term growth plans.

Its credit subsidiary, Nissan Finance UK, agreed the financial package, which comprises a committed revolving credit of £205 million and an uncommitted £100 million tender panel facility. Both were arranged by Kleinwort Benson.

Nissan Finance has current hire purchase receivables of almost £311 million, about 100 per cent up on last year. The company previously operated a £120 million syndicate in addition to an £80 million acceptance facility with a large clearing bank. The new package replaces these facilities.

Non-banking boosts Hambros profit surge

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Hambros PLC, the merchant banking and financial services group, yesterday reported a 40 per cent increase in full-year pretax profits as earnings from non-banking activities overtook banking profits for the first time.

Group pretax profits in the 12 months to March 31 surged from £43.4 million to £60.8 million, thanks mainly to a 55 per cent jump in non-banking earnings. Mr Charles Hambros, the chairman, described the increase as "satisfactory", while the full-year dividend is being raised by 16 per cent to 8.2p.

The increase in non-banking profits, from £24.4 million to £37.7 million, was largely the result of the acquisition of Bairdwest Evcs and Mann & Co, the estate agents, last year. The group has grown to be the second largest estate agency chain in Britain, with 453

offices and plans to open 50 new offices this year and 50 next year.

Mr Christopher Sporborg, chairman of Hambros Countrywide, the estate agency operation, said that about 70 per cent of estate agency profits came from commission on selling houses, while 30 per cent was from selling financial products.

Estate agency contributed £13.2 million to non-banking profits, while other big contributions came from insurance broking and investment gains. Mr Sporborg said that further ventures were planned, including the purchase of a company specializing in detecting computer fraud and moves to develop and expand its mortgage lending business.

Home loans made by Hambros were £35 million, but the

bank plans to securitise its mortgages once the total has reached about £70 million.

Banking profits rose from £25.5 million to £31.4 million, despite narrower margins on some areas of business. Mr John "Chips" Keswick, the chief executive of Hambros Bank, said that corporate finance and treasury activities continued to perform well and the bank did not suffer from heavy bad debts or exposure to problem borrowers.

Hambros's policy, launched during the year, of forging links with European banks and finance companies has so far produced formal ties with Sanpaolo Bank in Italy and Hollus-Audon in Denmark.

But Mr Sporborg said that negotiations were being conducted with three or four institutions in other European countries.

WPP goes to court to block JWT management buyout

By John Bell, City Editor

WPP, the tiny British company attempting a giant leap via a \$515 million (£324 million) takeover of JWT, the world's fourth-largest advertising agency, is taking court action to block an attempted management buyout by senior JWT executives.

WPP believes senior executives in JWT - which includes the Walter Thompson advertising agency and Hill & Knowlton, the biggest public relations company in the world - are advanced in buy-out negotiations.

Mr Martin Sorrell, WPP's chief executive, would not comment on Wall Street ru-

mours that the negotiations involved Merrill Lynch or that the buy-out plan would lead to a break-up of JWT and the sale of Hill & Knowlton to finance the deal.

WPP's offer for JWT has been greeted with near astonishment in Wall Street and Madison Avenue, the centre of New York's advertising industry. The British company has expanded rapidly via a string of 16 takeovers.

JWT, in another development, agreed to provide WPP with confidential financial information before proceeding with a bid, but attached a

number of strings. WPP would buy JWT shares during the next two years, except in connection with a tender offer at \$30.50 or higher. The second condition requires WPP to keep its tender offer open until July 24 or the expiry date of any other tender offer for JWT shares.

WPP is studying the legal implications of the conditions that JWT is seeking to impose.

Mr John Symonds, WPP chairman, said despite a JWT assurance that it would give a fair hearing to WPP's \$50.50 conditional offer, the board believed this was not the case.

Former ICI chairman takes the helm at Burns-Anderson

Harvey-Jones back in the fray

By Cliff Feltham

Betty is not amused. She thought that when her husband said he was retiring he would be spending more time around the house. No such luck for Betty - but a wonderful coup for Burns-Anderson, the unfashionable Manchester financial services to shopping group, which yesterday proudly put on display its new chairman, none other than Sir John Harvey-Jones, the former chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, Britain's largest industrial company.

Never a man to pull his punches, Sir John - who got to the top in spite of his aversion to barbers and his taste in ties - admitted he had tried to talk the company out of giving him the job.

"I am no great gift to the financial services industry, I argued that it would be better to appoint someone who knows the business but they persuaded me that I could bring something to the party. I am still not convinced even though I think the company is really going places," he said.

Sir John, who is largely credited with transforming the fortunes of the international chemicals group during his five-year reign, is aware that his appointment puts Burns-Anderson - which is likely to change its name to reflect its concentration on financial services - firmly on the corporate map and promoted considerable interest in the



Sir John yesterday: 'company really is going places'

shares, which rose from 152p to 217p yesterday.

"Yes, I have turned down better jobs than this. But I joined because I like the ideas they have and I like the people I am working with. Having worked for a large manufacturing concern, I am now keen on being involved in something small. I know nothing about the financial services business - but I know a few people

so I hope to make some contribution. My wife still keeps asking me if this is what I mean by retiring especially as I have had to instal telex, fax machine, and the biggest copying machine in the western world into a room in the house. She's not at all happy."

Sir John, aged 63, who will be paid £25,000 by Burns-Anderson, is also non-executive deputy chairman at Grand Metropolitan, the hotels and drinks group, but said that he was not looking for any other jobs.

He moves into the chair of Burns-Anderson - whose main shareholders are the West Midlands property twins Roy and Don Richardson - as it prepares to sell off its hotchpotch of industrial interests, car dealerships, steel stockholding, and shopping, to concentrate exclusively on financial services.

Financial services currently chip in 66 per cent of pretax profits, which at the halfway stage announced yesterday, amounted to £870,000 a rise of 31.7 per cent. Turnover went up from £21.7 million to £23.6 million.

It is also buying the outstanding 25 per cent interest in its financial planning subsidiary, University Medical and General, for £2.82 million, and paying £1 million for M & P Financial Services, a firm of independent investment advisers.

KWIK SAVE GROUP PLC

("Kwik Save")

Tender offer made on behalf of Dairy Farm International Holdings Limited ("Dairy Farm")

Following a meeting with directors of Dairy Farm, the Kwik Save Board is of the view that acceptance of the tender offer would not be in the longer term interests of Kwik Save or its shareholders.

- No trading benefits for Kwik Save seem likely to arise from an association with Dairy Farm.
- A substantial minority shareholding would adversely affect the Board's flexibility in the strategic management of the business and its ability to protect shareholders' interests in the event that a full takeover bid were to be made for Kwik Save in future either by Dairy Farm or by a third party.

The Board wishes to remind shareholders of the unbroken record of increased sales, profits and dividends achieved by Kwik Save since its flotation in 1970 and to emphasise its faith in the continued growth prospects of Kwik Save as an independent company. During the last ten years, earnings per share before tax have increased from 6.83p to 27.98p, an increase of 310 per cent, and dividends paid from £1,355,000 to £9,075,000, an increase of 570 per cent.

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

ABI appeals against change in CGT rate

The Association of British Insurers is strongly opposed to the Chancellor's capital gains tax change announced in the Budget this year.

Volkswagen sales fall

Worldwide sales of Volkswagen fell by 3.6 per cent to about 1.15 million vehicles in the first five months of 1987.



Merger boosts Dwek

Latest results from the acquisitive Dwek Group show the dramatic effect on the company of its merger in January with Symphony International.

Electronic Data rise

Electronic Data Processing, one of the few computer distributors which have avoided some of the recent headaches in the personal computer market.

Half-time rise at Arthur Lee

Arthur Lee & Sons, the Sheffield producer of cold rolled steel strip, yesterday reported pretax profits of £1.9 million for the half-year to March 31.

Halma profit up 22%

Halma, the specialist health, safety and security group, has continued its steady advance with another 22 per cent jump in pretax profits to £6.46 million for the year to March.

STOCK MARKET

Steadier pound helps gilts and shares to bounce back

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

A steadier performance by the pound succeeded in soothing frayed nerves on the stock market yesterday.

Three newcomers to the market attracted attention. Knobs and Knockers, the retail chain selling house accessories, placed on the Unlisted Securities Market at 105p.

ing and Gilbert Elliott, the broker, acted as sponsor.

Shares of Bolton Textile, the loss-making textile manufacturer, continued their recent revival, closing another 7p higher at 56p.

Also on the USM, Ross Consumer Electronics, the manufacturer and distributor

Keep an eye on Trimaco, the Ford main dealer, the shares of which surged by 6p to a fresh peak of 47.5p yesterday.

of audio accessories, placed at 165p, through Smith New Court, the broker, began life at 183p.

Amerco Energy, the mineral exploration company, started life on the growing Third Market at 78p, compared with the placing price of 65p.

Brown Shipley, the merchant bank, handled the plac-

out into financial services. A report in The Times yesterday that the big four bookmakers face having their dominant control of a new satellite horse and greyhound racing service broken up by the Office of Fair Trading brought selling pressure to bear on the shops' owners.

Ladbroke, which has a 15 per cent stake in the new satellite service, dropped to 413p initially, but recovered to close only 4p off at 421p.

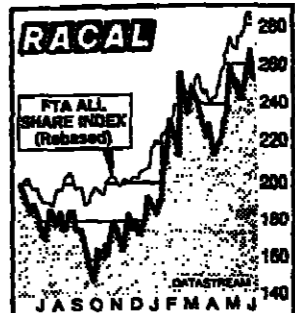
WALL STREET

Table with columns for stock names and prices, including AMR Co, ASA, and various international stocks.

TEMPUS

Racal delivers the jam at last

Racal Electronics delivered a message yesterday which analysts felt they could at last believe. It was that this year's profits were increasing, that the quality of earnings was improving and that the balance sheet was in such good shape.



Marshalls Halifax

The upshot was a forecast upgrading from £144 million to at least £146 million, with £193 million being pencilled in for 1989.

There have been too many seasons of promising jam tomorrow, only to deliver a thinly-covered slice at year-end, but this time it looks as if the rationalization measures of recent years have established a real platform for growth.

There is also sufficient financial muscle behind Racal to go out on the acquisition trail and a string of small and not-so-small deals can be expected this year.

Gearing was down from 57 per cent to 53 per cent at year-end and is currently at 32.2 per cent.

The pretax outcome for the year to end-March of £100.3 million against £90.2 million was somewhat shy of best forecasts for the group.

Data Communications, helped by cost savings, shot ahead from £15 million to £44 million; security (accounting for 31 per cent of turnover) saw operating profits 22 per cent higher.

By contrast, profits in radio communications tumbled from £36.9 million to £6.7 million after the worst trading year in history; and both marine and energy interests, after the weaker oil prices, moved into the red.

The group's order book is generally long and weighty and if Racal really is set for two years of sustained growth in earnings a share, today's price will, in time, prove cheap. The share was yesterday 17p higher at 268p.

Concrete and quarrying profits rose more than a third to £9.6 million. This reflected the overall buoyancy of the market and the company's aggressive capital investment programme.

Engineering profits were down from £960,000 to £312,000 but the reorganized division could make double this in 1987/88.

Group trading is ahead of last year and the election result has removed the political uncertainty which was affecting customers' investment decisions.

Marshalls should make £11.5 million this year, putting it on a p/e of 14.5 times. It deserves a premium rating so the shares should appreciate further.

Amstrad defensive

Scare stories are inevitable with a company such as Amstrad since it is dependent on a succession of successful product launches.

The latest have been triggered by reports that monthly sales of the low-priced IBM compatible PC1512 may be running at only half the expected 70,000 level.

Sales seemed to have peaked much earlier than forecast due to a lack of acceptance by business users.

Analysts' worst fears seemed confirmed when Amstrad brought forward the launch of the PC1640, an upgraded personal computer for the business market.

Some are sceptical that the machine is sufficiently different to attract corporate sales and are questioning whether Amstrad has lost its touch.

There is no smoke without fire but, in this case, there seems to be no immediate need to jump out of the window.

Amstrad, in addition to having the best-organized retail network in Britain, still has many attractive products in the pipeline such as a word-processor and computer peripherals.

There could also be satellite dishes and digital audio tape (DAT) players.

The multiple on this year's earnings, at the current price, is a mere 10.3, dropping to 8.5 next year without assuming much in the way of new product launches.

The abrasive comments of Mr Alan Sugar, the chairman, sales and are questioning whether Amstrad has lost its touch.

Dow rise continues

New York (Agencies) - Shares held their early gains yesterday in a rally dominated by blue chips. Traders reported that foreign buyers were concentrating on big name stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which has set records for five days in a row, rose by 10 points to 2,455.51. Rising shares had a five to four lead over declines on a turnover of 59 million shares.

ATT led the list of active shares, down by 1/4 to 28 1/2. Airlines, which have been recommended by Oppenheimer, saw sharp gains. NWA rose by 1 1/2 to 7 1/4, while Texas Air was up by 1 1/2 to 38.

Moody's Investors' Service has confirmed the credit ratings of Continental Illinois. About \$570 million in long-term debt is affected. The rating agency's confirmation followed Continental's announcement of a special loss-provision of \$500 million.

C&C Computers and Communications



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COMPANY NEWS

ESTATES AND AGENCY HOLDINGS: Dividend 3p (3p) for 1986, payable on August 4.

FRANK G GATES: Mr Edward Gates, chairman, reports in his annual statement that, in the first four months of 1987, there are considerable improvements on 1986.

BALMORAL RESOURCES: The company is to pay \$1.6 million (£993,000) to take over the Unlisted Securities Market-based Golden Star Mining, which controls 44 mining claims in Montana.

ACSI'S JEWELLERY: Year to January 31. No dividend (0.00) in preference to the previous year. With figures in £000: Turnover 3,404 (3,811). Pretax loss 413 (315 loss). No tax (17). Extraordinary debt 894 (238). Loss per share 8.76p (6.89p).

OCEANA DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT TRUST: Year to March 31. No dividend (1.7p). With figures in £000: Pretax loss 76 (profit 197). Loss per ordinary stock unit 1.71p (earnings 3.34p). The 1987 figures are not truly comparable with 1986, the board reports.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table listing base lending rates for various banks and institutions, including ABN, Adam & Company, and Royal Bank of Scotland.

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BRITISH FUNDS

Table with columns: High, Low, Stock, Price, Change, %.

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %.

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %.

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %.

UNDATED

Table with columns: No., Stock, Price, Change, %.

INDEX-LINKED

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

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Law Report June 24 1987

Specific loan not a company asset

In re EVTR Ltd. Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Bingham. [Judgment June 18].

Where a loan of money was made to a company for a specific purpose and the money was applied to that purpose...

The court of appeal held allowing an appeal by the lender, Mr Anthony C Barber, from a decision of Mr Michael Wheeler QC sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division on July 14, 1986.

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Hall v King and Another. Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Balcombe. [Judgment June 22].

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When the tail wags the dog

They're relatively gag in the media world by rumours that yet another newspaper colour "mag" is about to burst forth...

OPINION Hunter Davies

My first reaction is goody, more work for the hacks. My second reaction is hum, is it just the cart wagging the horse, the dog coming before the tail?

At the lowest level, they were hoping to entertain or lightly inform with publications such as Tit-Bits, from all the Most Interesting Books, Periodicals and News Papers in the World...

Today, it's very often not ideas but facts which inspire the birth of new periodicals. And they come from two sources. Firstly, the advertising johnnies rush in with their figures and say look what's happening over there...

David Housham on Nick Logan's Arena, the magazine that should not have been a success

The problems of skin care, the lure of melon liqueur and the "inexplicably sexy" appeal of sock garters do not tend to preoccupy the male executives of Britain's biggest magazine publishing companies...

Since the demise of magazines such as Town (first published as Man About Town, then About Town), Michael Heseltine's and Clive Labovitch's witty read for the thrusting young 1960s executive...

Arena was tentatively launched off the back of its sister publication, The Face, with the hope that it might eventually find sufficient reader and advertiser support...

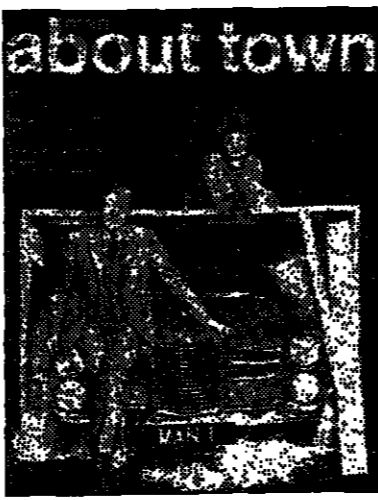
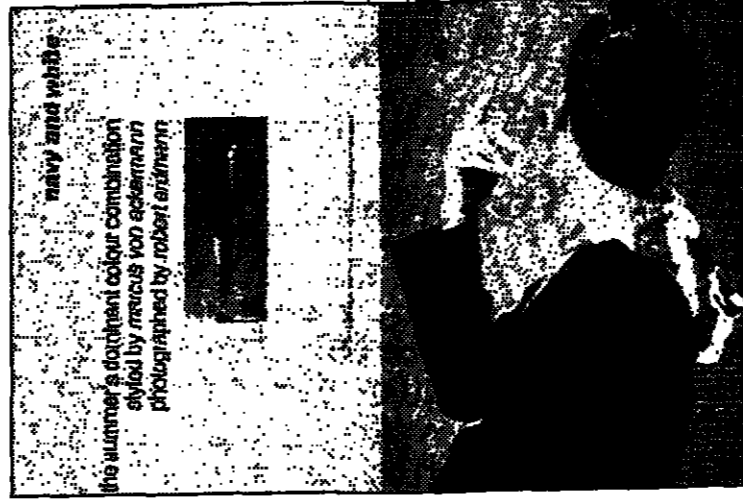
Logan has a deep distrust of big corporate structures, despite having made a fortune for IPC in the mid-1970s by turning New Musical Express into the world's largest-selling rock music weekly...

The Face was launched in May 1980, as a monthly music magazine. After Logan had propped it up with a large personal overdraft for 18 months, it began to emerge as the acclaimed leader of three style magazines...

Glossies for men



The magazine for the Eighties man: left, the cover of the latest Arena issue and, right, a fashion spread



And some swinging style from the Sixties: an early issue of Man about Town and, right, one of its fashion pages



an older (26-35) age group than The Face, partly on the basis of its fashion pages and partly through "quality" writing...

The resurgence of stylish men's magazines was first noted four years ago in America, where titles combining fashion coverage with general interest and business features...

clever, sharp, and witty magazine aimed at men," says Stephen Quinn, publisher of the National Magazine Company's glossy Harpers & Queen...

Quinn contrasts the ease with which a small publisher like Logan ("making money is not his raison d'être") can produce a magazine for the "young, classless readership"...

supplements for male readers into women's magazines such as Vogue, Options, and Harpers.

However, the long-standing pessimism of other major publishers is typified by the lamentable 10th anniversary which has just passed for Condé Nasté, publishers of Vogue...

Fanfare for the lawyers

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Marcel Berlins

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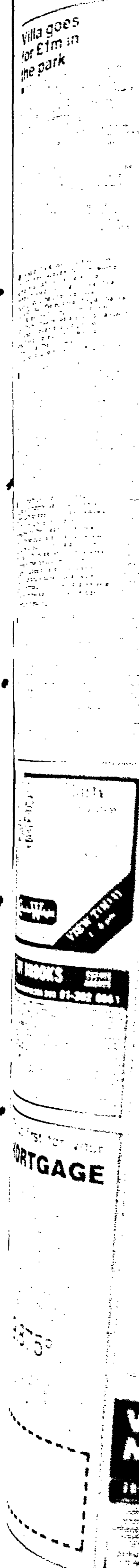
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By Diana Wildman



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ATHLETICS

Cram picks Prague alternative and saves the selectors

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Steve Cram could not make up his mind which of the two alternatives to Prague...

ing a place in the world championships in Rome to anyone finishing in the first two in Prague...

He also tried to play down the 800 metres in a local 45.5sec return in a local track league last Tuesday...

Cram, the world champion at 1500 metres, decided to run for Britain late on Monday evening...

Steve Ovett had been named as reserve for both the 1,500 and 5,000 metres, but was annoyed initially when Gladwin was given first choice...

But that sort of time also suggests that Cram should easily contend with the sort of meandering early pace and sprint finish which characterizes so many of the Europa Cup races.

He said yesterday: "The 1500 is an event we traditionally win. And when I originally decided to start my season later, it was in the knowledge that we had two or three people who could fill in and still win."

Another world champion is not so fortunate. Mary Slaney's most recent surgery on an Achilles tendon means that she will miss this weekend's United States Championships in San Jose.



Stepping out: Drechsler wants four gold medals in Rome

Rare defeat for Drechsler

From Iain Macleod, Karl-Marx-Stadt

A rare defeat over 200m for East Germany's Heike Drechsler, by her improving compatriot, Silke Gladisch...

Drechsler explained: "I am doing it because I am going faster and faster. I am pleased, but it's new, so it's difficult for me to get right on the board."

The Soviet Union will leave them in good heart when they attempt to regain the European Cup in Prague next weekend.

Gladisch, assisted by a wind of 1.5 metres per second, ran a superb bend to establish a lead of three metres, and though the co-holder of the world record finished strongly, Gladisch crossed the line with half a metre to spare in 22.03 seconds...

There remains, however, considerable uncertainty about Drechsler's track programme at the world championships in Rome. "It is my dream to win four gold medals," she said.

The East Germans won the overall match 208-194, largely due to their virtually invincible women's team, whose comprehensive victory, 106-76, over the Soviet Union was...

Drechsler, though, continues to dominate the long jump, which she calls "my specialist discipline". Her winning jump of 7.34 metres proved more than sufficient to head this year's rankings...

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YACHTING

Novanet defies popular opinion

By Barry Pickthall

If the bookies had had the foresight to set up shop on the docks at Punt del Garda...

Much of the betting - all run in good humour - centred on the largest boat in the race, the 75-foot catamaran, Novanet Elite...

However, the salary experience has not stopped the likes of Brian Law, sailing the 76-year-old gas rigged Spirit of Shell...

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Safety worry puts grand prix in doubt

The fate of the Belgian grand prix hangs in the balance only a week before official practice is scheduled to begin...

Randy Mamola, the Californian 500cc rider, and Martin Wimmer, the West German 250cc competitor...

Safety work to move the barriers back at these corners was promised for this year but not undertaken.

RACING

Brighton double helps Harwood turn the corner

Pulborough trainer Guy Harwood, who has had a disappointing season so far...

Cash In Store, a 13-8 chance, was quickly out of the stalls and fought off a challenge from Ray Laming's newcomer Lobric...



Harwood, whose stable is starting to fire again

Bold and Handsome, the 11-8 favourite, found disappointingly little under pressure...

Harwood, who was saddling his third juvenile winner of the season said: "My horses haven't really started to fire, but I'm sure they will do soon."

Hubbard's clean sweep in permit trainer awards

By Christopher Goulding

Geoff Hubbard, the Suffolk trainer, has won the Riddles permit trainers' award for the last National Hunt season.

As well as taking the honours as leading trainer, Hubbard also won the prize for having the most successful horse, Gee A.

On both occasions, he was well ridden by Gaye Armytage. Stray Shot was also a successful contributor for the stable.

rivals to capture the Operatic Society Challenge Cup.

The Pulborough stable was successful in this race last year with Fleeting Affair.

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This year's Coral-Eclipse, which promises to be one of the highlights of the season...

Corals extend sponsorship

place in the trainers' table with Michael Henriques taking third place.

Mighty Mark flew the flag for the North by taking the runner-up position behind Gaye A. as the horse to win most prize money.

The awards will be presented at Huntingdon racecourse on September 18.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- CRICKET: NatWest Trophy First round 10.30, 60 overs. HIGH WYCOMBE: Buckinghamshire v Somerset. WISBECH: Cambridgeshire v Derbyshire. DARTINGTON: Durham v Middlesex. CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Cheshire. SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Dorset. OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Gloucestershire. LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Oxfordshire. NOTTINGHAM: Northamptonshire v Ireland. HOLLAND: Northumberland v Essex. TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Suffolk. EDINBURGH (Meadowside): Scotland v Kent. BURTON-ON-TRENT (The Cooper): Staffordshire v Warwickshire. THE OVAL: Surrey v Hertfordshire. HOVE: Sussex v Cumberland. TOWERSIDE: Wiltshire v Yorkshire. WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Devon.
FOOTBALL: THE PARKS: Combined Universities v Palsaris. SECOND ELEVEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Essex v Kent. Leyburn: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire. Bouenmouth: Hampshire v Somerset. Harfield: Middlesex v Warwickshire. Llanfair: Northamptonshire v Lancashire. Westgate: Nottinghamshire v Glamorgan. Halesowen: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire. Scarborough: Yorkshire v Surrey.
OTHER SPORT: ARCHERY: GNAM (at Oxford). BOWLS: Representative match (30): Eastern Counties v Essex (at Corringham). Pagan: Kent v Devon v Dorset (at Hinton). Hampshire v Civil Service (at Farnborough). Middlesex v Northants (at Farnborough). West Worcestershire v Berkshire (at Broadway). GOLF: Open class national championships and Lasham regional (at Lasham airfield, Alton, Hampshire). HURDLES: Kew: Capt. Secored (1.20). Second round, second leg. Weymouth: Capt. Secored (1.20). Second round, second leg. TENNIS: The Championships (at All England LT and CC, Wimbledon). Europe v United States over 75 match (at Chiswick LTC).
SPORT ON TV: WIMBLEDON '87: The Championships. BBC1: 1.30-10.00pm. 2.35-7.45pm. Highlights: BBC1: 10.30pm.

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S Africa storm brewing for IRB

COMMENTARY



David Miller Chief Sports Correspondent

The Rugby Union World Cup has concluded in Auckland...

On the one hand, John Kendall-Carpenter, the rugby World Cup chairman...

IRB would face a wholesale revolt

To become a world game, such as tennis or golf...

Were South Africa to be included, the World Cup would probably finish up with only four other teams...

The IRB and whichever country is to host the next World Cup must make up their minds...

Bold loyalties are overtaken

Should anyone doubt this, let him see what happens if, as is also proposed...

There is substantial sympathy in many quarters for South Africa, whose contribution to the Western world in human and material terms has been immense...

A Pakistan appeal to hold Tests later in the summer

By Alan Lee

The programme for the present Pakistan tour and the structure of the English fixtures list were both being hotly debated yesterday...

Late risers were still breakfasting when the umpires, Constant and Whitehead, surrendered to the elements at 9.30...

Pakistan did not even begin their first innings, and the two sets of players, starved of match practice...

It was this which exercised the frustrated thoughts of Mike Gatting, the England captain...

Hasib's main complaint was that the Tests were being staged too early in the summer...

He added: "A team on a full tour of England would normally have a lot more fixtures than us...

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Gatting then issued an unmistakable vote of confidence in his two senior players. Gower and Botham...

Such a theory is based on flimsy evidence, and Gatting, predictably, had no time for it.

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The one-day game is given too long an innings

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The assortment of views expressed by the England captain and the manager of the Pakistan team at Lord's yesterday...

The complaints that are made have to be seen in the context of this most dismal of summers. In the first two Test matches...

It puts the selectors and the England side at a serious disadvantage that before the start of a summer's Test matches so much time should be given over to a one-day competition...

To do away now with one of the one-day competitions would seem to the counties like taking them off a life-support machine...

starting on August 20, his team would have been given more time to acclimatise. This, in fact, is not so.

The Lord's Test has almost always been played in the corresponding week to this last year, and never more than a week later...



David Hughes plays for Lancashire against Gloucestershire today with fond memories

Minnows out to bite the big fish

By Geoffrey Wheeler

For the cricketers of 13 minor counties and those of Scotland and Ireland, today is the highlight of the season...

Seven of the minnows hoped to swallow a big fish as at home with three of the most interesting matches in the north...

England rugby international Mark Bailey will complete a unique double by appearing for Suffolk at Trent Bridge...

The former Essex all-rounder, Stuart Turner, who took 400 wickets for 11 runs in only his second game for Cambridge...

Lancashire will field two survivors from that match in the off-spinner, Jack Simmons, and the captain, David Hughes...

Football: Wealthy hateleys make a change and prepare to prosper

League set to help England

Bobby Robson, the England manager, was yesterday told that the Football League was backing his attempt to reach the European Championship...

However, Ted Croker, the FA general secretary, made it clear that there were "lengthy discussions" with the League...

Second big pay-day takes Hateley to Monte Carlo

After Glenn Hoddle's decision to join Monaco next season, CLIVE WHITE talks to his England colleague, Mark Hateley, who is moving to the same club...

Britons beat top defenders

From Sydney Friskin, Amsterdam

Great Britain ended a long period of anxiety with two late goals that secured victory over the Soviet Union...

The Russians, however, were dangerous on the breaks, mainly individual in character and although the British defence was able to cope there were times when the opposition came perilously close to their objective.

Children already fluent in Italian

Children of footballers often face a disruptive life, and few know that better than Mark Hateley...

Clearly the failed ambition was not something as elementary as becoming a millionaire by the age of 28...

Lucrative second tax-free spell

Hateley has proved young enough and good enough to command a unique second, even more lucrative, spell on the French first division club...

Taste of the high life for tour men

From Patricia Davies, Monte Carlo

Walter Hagen once said he did not want to be a millionaire, he just wanted to live like one...

There will be parties, receptions and a royal ball in Prince Rainier. Dinner jackets will be as important as golf clubs...

Canny Scots lay out defence in the hills

From John Hennessy, Murhof, Austria

The local television station presented the mournful face of John Lloyd on Monday evening...

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Occasion help to head

Hemmings Larthwarts Worcester

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Everton set to start afresh

By Ian Ross

Everton will start the defence of their League title next season with a new look management team after the club confirmed yesterday that Mick Heaton, their coach, was leaving...

Mark Hateley's life of luxury, page 42

Heaton's title and duties in 1983.

The appointment of Harvey, coincided with the club's much-heralded revival, and as the balance of Merseyside footballing power slowly began to shift...

Rumours of a rift with Kendall had been circulating on Merseyside for more than 12 months, and yesterday's announcement served to underline that Heaton no longer figured in Everton's plans.

And while Heaton was quick to point out that he had decided to sever his links with the club long before Kendall was lured away to Spain...

"The time is right for a split and I am prepared to sit it out and wait for the right opportunity," Heaton said.

Harvey, the new Everton manager, having already appointed the former reserve-team coach, Terry Darracot, as his assistant and promoted the England international, Peter Reid, to the post of first-team coach...

Edberg makes up for lost time with a whitewash

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

The Wimbledon championships began 27 hours and 43 minutes late yesterday, with the courts such a deep-lush green that they might have provided the basis for a salad.

This is the third time during the era of open competition, which began in 1968, that any man has won a grand slam singles match without losing a game.

Edberg is competing at Wimbledon for the fifth time and has yet to reach the quarter-finals. But he is very much a grass court player and has been in particularly good form this year, winning tournaments in four different continents.

Eriksson spent two years at university in the United States and has emerged as a useful player - he has given Edberg two tough matches - with a relaxed approach to tennis and to life as a whole.

Roofing the Centre Court too costly

A leading civil engineer explained yesterday why a sliding roof over Wimbledon's centre court is not feasible.

"I realized that the only practical scheme was for a rigid structure which could slide over the court on rails. But this would mean a virtual re-building of the Centre Court. The current roof is not strong enough to hold such a structure, and we would have to rebuild all the roof column supports.



certainly gave the match everything he had. But once the ball was in play he was not always sure what was the best thing to do next.

Watching these two, both large and powerful men, one had the impression that they were built for breaking rocks rather than hitting tennis balls.

Wimbledon rules on page 43

present. One was the means of funding a players' pension scheme. It is intended that the money should come from television fees or from other sources of tournament income.

The acolytes continued their infuriatingly slow and stately progress as they prepared the holy ground. And all the time the sky darkened: you knew exactly what was going to happen.

At 3.11 a chap in a suit stroked the grass. At 3.15 the players came on to the Centre Court and made their salaams to the Duchess of Kent.

The umpire called two minutes: after one of them, down came the blasted, bloody rain once again, with its air of dismal inevitability.

But that is rather tennis's strong point, why people who have never played the game in their lives, who give not a straw for the tactics and niceties, who have not the remotest glimmer of understanding of bounce and swerve and spin, and who believe that a baseline is something to do with music nevertheless find tennis the most entralling sport that has ever been created.



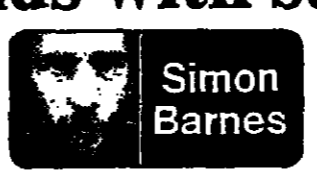
Rocky start: Ivan Lendl found Romania's Christian Saccanu a tough handful at Wimbledon yesterday, the encounter going to 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5. (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Becker comes out to paint the clouds with sunshine

Simon Barnes

People who care nothing for most sport care greatly for Wimbledon. As June gets into its stride every year tennis is discussed everywhere: not "I think Becker is vulnerable to the pass on his second service" but "I can't stand McEnroe - why does he do it?"

And it is this joyfulness that is communicated so vibrantly to the audience. To communicate this is Becker's gift and it is exactly what poor old Lendl lacks.



And so it cheers you up to see Becker back. Boning Boris as they call him, probably because he hits tennis balls so hard.

He seemed to be at about threequarters' power, his mood purposeful, businesslike and, for him, a touch sombre. Like the weather, or, of course, Lendl. I hope he isn't about to go all serious on us. But he played at last, at least, and now that he is back we can perhaps start to have something like a summer.

END COLUMN Straight left but above the belt

By Tom Pendry, MP

Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party Sports Committee and the All-Party Football Committee

The appointment of Colin Moynihan as the Minister for Sport is a watershed in sports politics. The last eight years of Tory Governments have seen a succession of non-sporting Ministers in the post, each in turn failing to capture the imagination of the sporting Press and public.

Now Labour is being challenged on the ground which it has made its own, partly through the pre-eminence of our elder statesman, Denis Howell, and partly through the relevant nature of the policies the party has espoused. Indeed, one leading Sunday newspaper commented at the height of the General Election campaign that "when it comes to sport, there's only one party in it... Labour are so far ahead they can best be described as three up at half-time!"

If there has to be a Tory Minister for Sport, then Colin Moynihan is probably the man. He has wide knowledge of the sports world, both as a competitor (with an Olympic medal to his credit) and as an administrator (notably on the Sports Council).

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Bari set to play one-off. By Qamar Ahmed. After a disappointing wash-out at Lord's, the Pakistani cricket players take on the Combined Universities at Oxford today and may have a surprise member in the side.

Walker plots the future. By Barry Pickthall. As the world 12-metre championship got under way off Sardinia yesterday, Britain's White Horse challenge syndicate gave the go-ahead to a team of aeronautical scientists, and engineers to develop its theories for a twin-rigged, design. This would be similar in concept to the radical 12-metre that USA campaigned during the latest America's Cup by Tom Blackaller.

Tax haven lures a top golfer. By Patricia Davies. Seve Ballesteros, poor boy made good from a family of fishermen in northern Spain, is contemplating joining the glitterati in Monte Carlo.

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